

Government defeated on guillotine motion by 29 votes

was uproar in the Commons as the Government was defeated by 29 votes on a guillotine motion limiting debate on the devolution Bill to a further 20 days. The

voting was 312 to 283. In wild scenes Conservatives cheered their victory. Mr Foot, Commons Leader, said the Bill would continue on Thursday, not on a time table.

Mr Foot fails to appease Tories

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Parliamentary Correspondent

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War with the Government of India Act, more than 40 years ago. Much more time was being allocated than with the European Communities Act.

None of that did much to appease Mr Foot, who pointed out that this was an ordinary guillotine, and no ordinary Bill. This was a constitutional change of infinite significance.

The Bill was an important constitutional innovation with ramifications that were hard to predict and which might take years to develop.

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guillotine vote. That showed, Mr Foot said, what an error it was to think that the Conservatives would be aroused in the mind of the Times, it was conceivable that it might fit across the minds of others.

Almost at once, the deep divisions within the House and in all parties began to show. Mr Roderick MacFarquhar, Labour MP for Belper, said that a "No" vote on the guillotine would be a disaster in Scotland.

It was soon clear that whatever way the vote went at the end of the debate the majority would be slim.

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Tough new prices plan upsets industry

By Ronald Emler
Business News Staff

Industry and commerce were dismayed by the proposals for a new prices policy announced yesterday by Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection.

The Price Commission would be enlarged, and would have additional powers to investigate requested increases. It would make specific recommendations to the Secretary of State, which could then be referred to the House of Commons.

Not only would the Price Commission continue to investigate price increases and prices within a sector, but it would also be empowered to instigate inquiries.

Evidence could be taken in public if the company concerned wished, and during the maximum of three months allowed for the industry to make its case.

Mr Hattersley proposes a series of general criteria on which the new commission would base its judgments. They would be "have regard to the maintenance of price levels which are equitable to consumers and remunerative to efficient manufacturers, distributors and providers of services".

The Government claims that the proposals will relieve companies of the "rigidities of cost control" and the administrative burden they create.

Mr John Methven, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, claimed that the Government had "once again surrendered to the unions' pressure".

There was no economic justification for maintaining a price code, Mr Methven added.

The consultative document would have an adverse effect on business confidence which was being built up by the Government.

Mr Joseph Godber, chairman of the Retail Consortium, said that the Government's proposals were "a disaster".

Both the CBI and retailers were bound to be sceptical of the proposed criteria, Mr Methven called the consultative document a "rotten skeleton".

The TUC gave a general welcome to the document, Mr Len Murray, general secretary, said it would be "helpful" in the fight against inflation.

Mr Hattersley said at a press conference that he expected criticism but refused charges of capitulation to TUC pressure.

At an Industrial Society lunch in London, Mr Hattersley said there was no alternative to the Government's present policies.

With Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, welcoming his words, he explained to MPs that a ban on President Amin was a matter for the Government to decide.

Mr Callaghan became publicly involved yesterday for the first time in the growing storm over the possibility that President Amin of Uganda might attend the Commonwealth Conference in London.

Mr Callaghan said that he was not expected to step outside the bounds of diplomatic verbiage on these delicate occasions.



Dr David Owen, the new Foreign Secretary, with his wife Debbie, and sons Tristan and Gareth (right) yesterday.

A brisk start in office for Dr Owen

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

Dr David Owen, the new Foreign Secretary, made a confident start yesterday. His day began at the Foreign Office at 9.15 am with a couple of quick interviews, followed by a Cabinet committee meeting.

He then went to the House of Commons, where he gave a speech on the state of the world.

He also found time to meet the press, both British and foreign, and answer their questions.

His first public utterance yesterday was to express his sadness that the post had come to him the way it had.

Dr Owen expressed his overall view of his approach to foreign affairs yesterday. It was his emphasis on the practical. In what he described as the old argument between seeking to "influence events" or making

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Carter restores aid cuts in welfare

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

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6,800 jobless cut seen as temporary relief

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Callaghan hints that President Amin is not welcome

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HOME NEWS

TUC to urge £2,000m economy boost in talks with Chancellor

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Senior union leaders are to meet the Chancellor of the Exchequer to press their case for a "major reflationary action" in the Budget to alleviate the continuing high level of unemployment. They will ask for a £2,000m boost to the economy, chiefly through reduced personal taxation.

The TUC General Council meets this morning to endorse its 1977 Economic Review, which urges Mr Healey to expand public spending, even though such a move would conflict with promises to the International Monetary Fund.

After publication of the unemployment figures yesterday, the TUC said they confirmed the need for reflation. Big industrial countries must take steps to get back to a much higher level of activity, which alone could offer a prospect of a return to full employment.

In a reference to the growing rank-and-file pressure on the social contract, the TUC added: "This is essentially the message which is coming to us from the shop floor: preserving jobs and living standards go together. It is vital for us to do both."

The TUC's six representatives on the National Economic Development Council are to meet the Chancellor on Friday to press home the arguments in the review for a cut in income tax of £1,700m in 1977-78, an increase in pensions by £4 a week for married couples and £2.50 for single people, and for more capital to be directed to the National Enterprise Board.

Mr David Bassett, general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers' Union and one of the TUC's NEDC members involved in the negotiations with the Chancellor, while welcoming the "small" drop in unemployment figures, said last night: "Budgetary stimulus must be in substantial part, consisting of direct expenditure on job-creation and job-saving measures, including construction and capital projects."

Mr Callaghan rules out 'free collective chaos'

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

Government determination to forge another pay agreement with the unions was vigorously affirmed yesterday when the Prime Minister told MPs that a return to free collective bargaining this year would be a return to free collective chaos.

"I would not support it," he added. "We must have another pay agreement."

But Mr Callaghan agreed that there should be greater flexibility to overcome the differential anomalies.

Replying to Mr Norman Adkinson, one of his most consistent left-wing critics, Mr Callaghan agreed that one of the causes of discontent was the increase in prices. He promised that the Government would take every possible and realistic step to control prices. But he pointed out the limitations of price control when Britain was so dependent on imports.

Mr Adkinson had said that large sections of TUC General Council were insisting on a return to free collective bargaining and that price inflation was the biggest impediment to a new phase of the social contract.

From the Tory benches, Mr Peter Tapsell urged the Prime Minister to draw the attention of the TUC to the long-term economic benefits to be won from restraint on wages, public spending and money supply. But he said those advantages were being nullified by the failure to maintain the international value of sterling.

Mr Callaghan replied that sterling had been stable of late. Earlier he had reminded the House that several economic indicators were beginning to turn in a favourable direction.

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Nuclear safety challenge to Mr Benn

By a Staff Reporter

Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, has been asked why nuclear power installations should have to report minor mishaps to him.

A letter from the staff associations and unions at the Dounreay experimental reactor establishment in north Scotland also complains that recent remarks by the minister about the waste products of the nuclear industry apparently prejudiced issues before the Health and Safety Commission had been able to examine them.

The letter states: "We are required and always have been to report all occurrences to the Health and Safety Executive immediately. The only change in the position is that you now wish to be informed also of certain occurrences of lesser significance."

If nuclear power was to be singled out Mr Benn should state the reasons why.

A report by the energy studies unit at Strathclyde University supports the EEC decision to abandon plans for fast nuclear growth.

Bone-marrow boy ill

Anthony Nolan, the boy, aged five, who has suffered from bone-marrow disease since birth, is being kept in isolation in Canterbury Hospital after an injury to his foot.

Anthony, of Chislehurst, near Asford, is subject to sudden heavy haemorrhages and has no resistance to infection.

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Court orders LSE sit-in students to leave

By Judith Judd, of The Times
Higher Education Supplement

A High Court judge last night ordered students occupying part of the London School of Economics to leave by noon today.

The possession order was granted by Mr Justice Mocatta to the school's director, Professor Ralf Dahrendorf.

The judge said: "There cannot be any justification for committing an act of trespass for the reorganization of a university or college. Two wrongs do not make a right. The director had done his utmost to avoid a head-on collision with the students."

Professor Dahrendorf sought the order because several hundred students have been occupying three floors of the school's administrative block in protest against the Government's decision to increase tuition fees.

He went to court after a meeting with students at which they refused to leave the building unless he agreed to meet their demands for no fee increases this autumn.

The students, who have been in occupation since February 9, rejected his offer of a negotiating committee last week.

The judge issued the order against John Cruse, senior treasurer of the school's union, Roger Galloway, an executive member, David Khan, and Milan Brahmar.

When the hearing began in chambers 50 more students asked to be joined with the four as defendants. At least 100 more who had marched to the court with banners crowded into the corridor outside.

The judge ruled that it was practicable to allow only seven of them to be so joined.

In an affidavit, Professor Dahrendorf said the academic authorities had not made reasonable attempts to identify the occupiers. Names would have been given if they had been asked for. He also denied that all the staff had been prevented from entering all parts of the occupied block.

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Mr Galloway (left) and Mr Cruse in London yesterday.

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BBC chief defends N Ireland coverage

By Kenneth Gosling

Leaders of the peace movement in its first three months.

It was not for the BBC to prejudice a person's legality. It had to be concerned with the legality of the subject-matter; that was much more crucial than the legality of the organizations to which the authors might or might not belong.

"So long as Provisional Sinn Féin is encouraged by the Government to play a political role, it is accepted as a legal organization, mounting rallies and making speeches without fear of prosecution under the law, we are bound to treat them accordingly," Mr Francis said.

Even with the paramilitarists, "the avowed mouthpieces of terrorists," some of their community and welfare activities were encouraged and government officials met them for political talks.

"It would be illogical and impracticable for the media not to cover their activities and to do that responsibly, to believe it is necessary to interview and to investigate the unpalatable side when the information to be gained outweighs the possible propaganda effect."

The detailed figures produced by Mr Francis and his assistants are taken as a rebuttal of views expressed by Mr Alton, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, in a letter to the Belfast branch of the National Union of Journalists last month.

In it he expressed irritation at publicity given to statements "that have no basis in reality."

Mr Francis said that only two interviews with Mr David O'Connell of the Provisional IRA had been broadcast in the past six years. Giving figures from October, 1975, to October, 1976, he said that there had been six interviews on BBC Northern Ireland television with Provisional Sinn Féin and 12 with spokesmen for "loyalist" paramilitarists, six of them elected representatives.

That compared, Mr Francis said, with 307 interviews with elected representatives of all other parties, including 56 with United Kingdom ministers. In the year the proportion of paramilitarist interviews, 19 out of 325, was extremely low and contrasted with 18 for the

Praise for Unionists over Dublin visit

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

In most parts of Europe, a train journey from one city to another is a civic matter would hardly be an eyebrow. But when the Irish border it marks a towards greater understanding between the two communities.

Last night a party of 24 fast city councillors returned from an official two-day visit to Dublin. Their programme included committee discussions on urban renewal and a reception at the Guinness brewery.

Although the symbolic was boycotted by about half Protestant members of Belfast council, the number agreed to attend was sufficient to see the experiment by the press on either side the border as a success.

One of the high spots of the visit was a meeting with the Unionist from the Shank Road district, addressed a meeting of the two councils his first visit to the capital of the Irish Republic.

"I am here to see what situation is regarding working class people in Dublin. I get something done for people, I will go to Rome and get it done," he said, a loud applause from the delegates.

Patrick Devlin, Belfast councillor and Roman Catholic police leader, praised those Unionist councillors who had made journey despite local press on them not to take part. He explained that the pressure had been increased by the prospect of local government election in two months time.

Before leaving yesterday, The Enterprise, the Belfast Express, which is itself of the few examples of success in the Belfast area, inner areas of Dublin to discuss housing and environmental questions.

The newly opened dialogue between North and South, concluded next month in less peaceful surroundings Belfast when Dublin council pay a return visit.

UDA rejects talks: The Ulster Defence Association, largest of the "loyalist" paramilitary organizations, yesterday rejected the possibility of cease-fire talks with the Provisional IRA (The Press Association reports).

The move had been suggested by the Ulster Loyalist Central Coordinating Committee, a loyalist umbrella group. The UDA said: "We ask how anyone could talk those people after the atrocity they have committed against both the security forces and the Protestant people in 1970."

Customers for guns never mentioned, witness says

Mr John Banks, who recruited mercenaries for the IRA, told a jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday that he decided to turn informer when he suspected that a consignment of arms he was asked to negotiate were destined for Northern Ireland.

The witnesses were never mentioned but, believing the guns were destined for the IRA, he wrote a report on the deal, telephoned to the local CID in his home town of Camberley, Surrey, and got in touch with the military.

He was giving evidence at the trial of four men who deny charges under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. They are John Joseph Higgins, aged 34, an electrician, and Sinn Féin's chief representative in England, of Rotherham Road, Luton; Edward Caughey, aged 45, unemployed, of Leabon Grove, Easthurst Crescent, Harborne, Birmingham; Gerald Smiley, aged 42, a structural engineer, and James Davidson, aged 32, a bloodstock agent, both of Praed Street, Paddington. Mr Higgins and Mr Caughey face charges involving money paid in connection with acts of terrorism and trying to obtain two-way radio sets for the same purpose. Mr Higgins, Mr Smiley and Mr Davidson are also charged with soliciting John Banks, Michael McKee and Stanley Taylor to give 1,000 carbines, 3,000 magazines, 60,000 rounds of ammunition, 1,000 bayonets and cleaning kits for use in acts of terrorism.

Mr Brian Leary, for the prosecution, recalled conversations between Mr Higgins and Mr Banks after arrests on May 17. Mr Higgins asked Mr Banks if he had ever worked "for their side" before and Mr Banks told him he had worked for the "opposition". That, Mr Leary said, meant the Ulster Defence Association.

Counsel said Mr Higgins said he met Mr Caughey by appointment to get £500 from him to buy the radios. He wanted them "for various reasons". The money belonged "not to Mr Caughey but to Sinn Féin."

At one stage he said the radios were for propaganda use in the west of the Irish Republic and he had not taken them to Belfast in case they were confiscated.

The trial continues today.

Official accused over deal that yielded £1m profit

Ronald Norris, aged 58, a former Warwickshire county planning officer, accepted bribes from a businessman to set up a land deal that yielded a profit of more than £1m it was alleged at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Philip Cox, QC, for the prosecution, said Mr Norris, of Clifford Chambers, near Stratford-on-Avon, was given fuel oil, a cooker, a freezer, a package holiday and other gifts from Dennis Rose, aged 41, of Oak Tree Close, Leamington Spa, in return for agreeing to Mr Rose's proposals for land development near Wellesbourne.

Mr Rose denies 12 charges of corruptly giving gifts to Mr Norris, who denies corruptly receiving them. Mr Norris also denies forging a cheque and using it.

Counsel said that in return for the bribes Mr Norris "paid scant heed to the objection of the local people of Wellesbourne" and used his great influence as county planning officer to agree to Mr Rose's proposals for the development of 93 acres of the land in which he had an interest.

"As a result of the influence Mr Norris exerted on Mr Rose's behalf a family trust set up by Mr Rose to receive the profits from the Wellesbourne land transaction benefited to the tune of £1,182,000."

When questioned by the police, Mr Norris at first denied getting anything from Mr Rose, but he later admitted that Mr Rose supplied him with a cooker, washing machine, refrigerator and dishwasher. He was alleged to have said: "Dennis got them for me because he could get a discount."

The trial continues today.

Local decision-making on transport indicated

By Robert Parker

Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, indicated yesterday that there would be strong emphasis on local decision-making in the White Paper on transport policy, which he said could be expected towards the end of May.

Giving evidence to a sub-committee of the House of Commons select committee on the nationalized industries, Mr Rodgers said that local passenger transport executives and metropolitan councils should be able to use their discretion as the people closest to the problem to decide on local transport planning.

But Mr Rodgers said that there might be a conflict between bodies such as British Rail and the National Bus Company and the local councils. He said British Rail had a planning and investment time-scale of between five and 15 years while local authorities often acted on a far shorter scale. He agreed that both BR and the NBC might be subject to difficulties through the vagaries of the local decision-making process.

The overall impression of Mr Rodgers' evidence was that transport objectives, such as short cut forward in the consultative documents now being discussed and originated by the late Mr Croland, would have to be approached very much from the position of the present shortage of money and resources.

He refused to make any commitment to the development of a national network for heavy lorries pointing out the difficulties of some cities which had tried to run their own networks. He also gave a strong indication that the Piccadilly-Victoria rail scheme in Manchester would not go ahead, despite the advanced stage of its planning.

Apology order was justified, tribunal rules

A factory management was entitled to tell a woman buyer to make a public apology to 150 shop-floor workers whom she was alleged to have insulted, a county court tribunal at Birmingham ruled yesterday.

Despite her denials, the tribunal decided that Mrs Victoria Marshall, aged 24, of Redditch, had refused to eat Christmas dinner in the works canteen, saying that the shop-floor workers "ate like pigs" were common as muck" and that she would not use the same cutlery.

She told the tribunal that she had been provoked by the management at A. and P. Springs Ltd, Birmingham, to apologize to avoid a strike.

Mrs Marshall resigned from her job but contended that the circumstances made it an unfair dismissal.

The tribunal ruled that she was not unfairly dismissed.

Minesweeper coxswain says steering was difficult

The coxswain of the minesweeper Fittleton, which sank with the loss of 12 men after a collision, struggled with difficult steering until the ship turned upside down, he said at a court martial at Portsmouth yesterday.

Chief Petty Officer George Cressy said that water rose in the wheelhouse after a collision with the frigate Mermaid in the North Sea last September.

When heaving lines were thrown between the Fittleton and the Mermaid the minesweeper was not easy to steer, he said. He was finding it difficult to keep within five degrees of the given course.

The Fittleton seemed to be going past the Mermaid quickly when the collision occurred. The last order he received was to turn to port 20.

Asked if that seemed a satisfactory order, he replied: "Yes, but subsequently, when the water started coming into the wheelhouse, I realized considerably because I realized we must be in contact with the Mermaid."

He realized that the Mermaid was rolling them over, and started to take the port wheel off. But there was a limit to how quickly the wheel could be turned. It would be slow to react to port. He did not get out until the minesweeper had turned upside down.

CPO Cressy, skipper of a tugboat at Chatham, lives at Rede Court Road, Rochester, Kent. He joined the Royal Naval Reserve after serving in the Royal Navy for 12 years.

The commanding officer of the Fittleton, Lieutenant Commander Peter Paget, aged 44, of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, faces four charges by negligence causing the Fittleton to be hazardous; two charges allowing her to be hazardous; and one charge of allowing her to be lost.

Commander Ian Berry, who seemed to be no real change in course, was hit by the Mermaid's bow.

He agreed with Commander George Beattie, for the Crown Prosecution Service, that it would have been his madness for the minesweeper's captain to have altered course in that position at that time the Fittleton was not ready to replenish.

The hearing continues tomorrow.

Thames ferry move deferred

British Rail agreed in the High Court yesterday to postpone proposed alterations in its ferry service across the Thames between Gravesend and Tilbury. A new timetable which was to have been introduced next Monday, will be deferred at least until March 13.

British Rail is being sued by the Port of London Authority and the councils at Gravesend, Kent, and Thurrock, Essex, who want to have the new timetable abandoned altogether.

The case was adjourned for a date to be agreed for a full hearing.

Weather forecast and recordings

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Convulsions not caused by vaccine

By Our Medical Correspondent

While medical experts in
Britain continue to argue about
the frequency of serious ad-
verse reactions to whooping
cough vaccine a survey in Den-
mark has produced some reas-
urance for those in favour
of its use.

Seven years ago the Danish
immunization programme was
changed so that the first dose
of the vaccine was to be given
at five weeks of age, whereas
before 1970 it had been given
at five months. If adminis-
tration of the vaccine is indeed a
chief cause of convulsions and
infant spasms, that change in
the programme should have led
to a change in the age at which
morden develop those symp-
toms.

The statistics show no evi-
dence of such a change. Den-
mark is a small country

country, and virtually every
child with a first convulsion is
admitted to one of the 20 hos-
pitals with a paediatric depart-
ment. Details of all such admis-
sions since 1970 of infants
aged 18 months or less were
analysed at Copenhagen Uni-
versity Hospital. There was no
change in the age distribution
before and after the change in
the immunization programme:
40 per cent of the children had
their first convulsion by the
age of six months and 90 per
cent by the age of one year.

Further examination of the
113 children admitted since
1970 showed that vaccination
might have been a trigger in
three cases, and that in 13
others some vaccination had
been given a little time before
the convulsion. Though there
seemed to be no connection. Six
of those 13 children had been

given injections including
whooping cough vaccine; the
seven others had had other
vaccines.
The Danish survey concludes
that the peak age for attacks
of convulsions in infancy is
between three and eight months
and that whatever vaccines may
be given in that age range will
be associated by chance with
such attacks in a few cases: a
simple coincidence of timing.
It suggests that any causal
connection between whooping
cough immunization and infant
convulsions seems very un-
likely and it adds that experi-
ence in a recent whooping
cough epidemic in Denmark has
confirmed the value of mass
vaccination in protecting chil-
ren aged less than 12 months.
Source: Archives of Disease in
Childhood, February, 1977, page
134.

'£25 a day' for official transport

From Our Correspondent

Reading
The result of an inquiry at
Reading on Monday into the
alleged unauthorized expendi-
ture of almost £1m on cheap
mortgages and office cars by
the Thames Water Authority is
expected in six to eight weeks,
Mr Alec Capper, the district
auditor, said yesterday.

The inquiry heard objections
by Mr Reginald Bolland, a
retired Thames Conservancy
administrative officer, to the
authority's audit of the mort-
gages for 1975-76. He said £960,000
was paid out under a staff
mortgage scheme at 41 per cent
below building society rates and
that the chief executive and
four directors had unlimited
use of Jaguar or Rover cars
owned by the authority.

"It cost the Thames Water
Authority a total of £28,033 per
annum to get five top officials
to work each day, over £25 a
working day for each director",
he said. "On this evidence I
should advise any up-and-
coming young man that if he
cannot get into oil then get into
water."

Mr John McHattie, the
authority's assistant director of
finance, said the mortgage
scheme cost the authority
£45,830 a year and was agreed
orally between the chairman,
Mr Peter Black, and chairman
of the finance and personnel
subcommittees.

Directors using authority cars
privately paid for their own
petrol, but they had to do a lot
of work in the back of their
cars. It would be classed as
private use if they were not
working in the back of the car
on the way to and from work-

Farmers told to share price burden with consumers

By Hugh Clayton

The Government told farmers
yesterday that they could not
escape the financial sacrifices
that faced the rest of the
British people. Mr Silkin,
Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food, said:
"Nobody can opt out. Price
increases that might have been
perfectly reasonable and defen-
sible in normal circumstances
may need to be held up today
in the national interest."

It was his most uncompromis-
ing reply yet to contentions
from farming unions that pro-
posed increases in EEC support
prices that would add at least
50p a week to British family

food shopping bills are inad-
quate.

"Patriotism has its dis-
ciplines as well as its rewards",
Mr Silkin told members of the
National Farmers' Union at
Market Harborough, Leices-
tershire. "Britain's agriculture
must expect to share sacrifices
with the rest of the country."

Mr Silkin said inevitable
price rises fixed by the EEC
would push up butter by 12p a
pound in Britain this year and
cheese would increase by 5p.

His speech will annoy farmers
who believe that price rises are
needed for investment, but it
will delight food processors,
leading trade unionists and con-
sumer groups.

Offers to help Lady Churchill declined

Lady Spencer-Churchill,
widow of Sir Winston Churchill,
has declined all offers to help
to ease her financial plight.
In a statement issued by her
secretary in London yesterday
she expressed her appreciation
of the motives that had
prompted individuals to make
suggestions concerning her wel-
fare but said she would
"greatly deplore any idea that
either special legislation or an
appeal should be initiated on
her behalf".

Lady Spencer-Churchill's cir-
cumstances were disclosed when
five paintings were put up for
auction at Christie's on March 4.
Two are by Sir Winston and
three are from the family's per-
sonal collection. They are ex-
pected to fetch a total of about
£17,000 at auction.

Further and silver have
been sold to help to meet Lady
Spencer-Churchill's expenses.
Like many other elderly people
on fixed incomes, she has found
that inflation has almost
doubled her rent and living ex-
penses.

Since a fall a few years ago
Lady Spencer-Churchill, who is
91, has needed a night nurse.
The cost for one night nurse,
almost all her weekly state pen-
sion of £123, according to her
grandson, Mr Winston Church-
ill, Conservative MP for Stret-
ford. She has no income other
than her investments and her
retirement pension.

The Prime Minister was
asked in the Commons on Mon-
day to help Lady Spencer-
Churchill in her financial diffi-
culties.

North-west is against NHS reorganization

From John Chatter

Manchester

The North Western Regional
Health Authority, which claims
to serve one of the largest and
most deprived regions in Eng-
land, is to tell the Royal Com-
mission on the National Health
Service that, while many mat-
ters are unsatisfactory, the time
is not right for another re-
organization.

The authority's submission to
the royal commission which was
published yesterday said: "We
cannot emphasise too strongly
our firm belief that, at a time
when both the health and local
government services are still
struggling to recover from the
trauma of major reorganization,
any suggestion of further large-
scale reorganization or realloca-
tion of functions in the fore-
seeable future would be quite
unacceptable."

The authority administers
146 hospitals, nearly three hun-
dred health centres and clinics
and practitioner services be-
tween Stockport and Lancaster.
It would like the royal commis-
sion to examine in detail the
present structure which allows
for regional, multi-district and
single-district areas.

That structure, it says, is "un-
realistic" based as it is on a
purely political decision that
area health authorities should
be continuous with those of
local authorities responsible for
social services.

The adoption of that prin-
ciple, the evidence says, has led
to different patterns of health
services in the shire and met-
ropolitan counties.

The evidence document goes
on to say that many people and

organizations consider that the
1974 regrouping of both local
and health services resulted in a pattern that was
"far from ideal".

"We are convinced that too
little time was given to con-
sideration of the needs of the
health service both before and
after the final pattern of local
government organization was
determined."

"We consider it to have been
a major political error that this
step was not taken before the
National Health Service was
committed to its present pat-
tern."

Nevertheless, we are equally
convinced that although the pre-
sent structure is far from ideal
it can, given time and goodwill,
be made to work in a reason-
able and acceptable manner,
subject to some changes within
the present broad structure."

The north-western authority
totally opposes one solution
which has been put forward re-
cently, the transfer of health
functions back to elected local
authorities.

A recent government Green
Paper rejected that solution and
the authority's evidence says:
"We do not believe the Na-
tional Health Service could with-
stand the trauma of a further
major reorganization of the kind
which would be involved in the
transfer of functions to local
government."

"All the energies of those
in the National Health Service
need to be devoted to meeting
its immediate problems. To
divert effort into solving the
problems contingent upon an-
other major reorganization
would, in our view, be quite
wrong."

Public asked to protest over court lists

By a Staff Reporter

Judge Llewellyn advised the
public at Bloomsbury and
Marylebone County Court yes-
terday to complain to Parlia-
ment about county court ad-
ministration. He said judges
could do nothing about the
overfilled court lists, which
were inconveniencing everyone.

"Since the Courts Act the
matter has been taken out of
the judges' hands", he said,
"and court administrators seem
to feel it is their duty to fill
every minute of the judge's day,
no matter what the inconveni-
ence to counsel, solicitors, lit-
igants and others."

"The best thing people can
do is to write to their members
of Parliament. I have already
made strong representations."

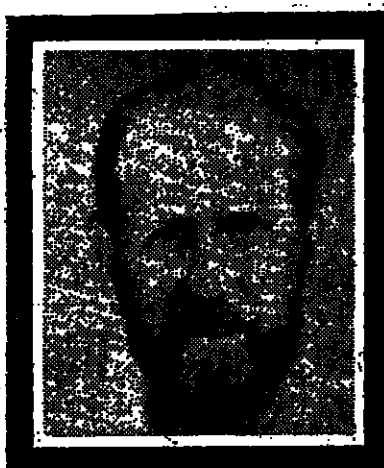
There were 38 cases listed
yesterday, 22 of them before
Judge Llewellyn, who was able
to clear them quickly.

Clerk ran season ticket fraud

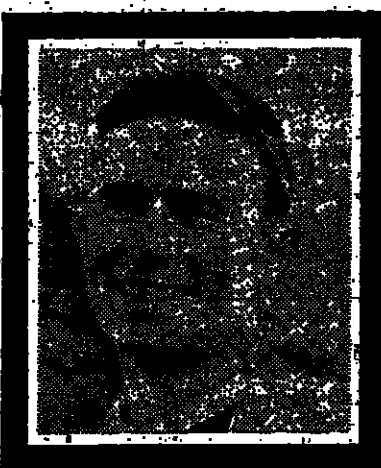
Mark Wright, aged 22, a
London Transport booking
clerk, ran a season ticket fraud
after losing money gambling, it
was stated at Marylebone Magis-
trates' Court, London, yester-
day.

Mr Wright, of Kenwyn Drive,
Cricklewood, was given a six-
week suspended prison sen-
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and ordered to pay £110.60 com-
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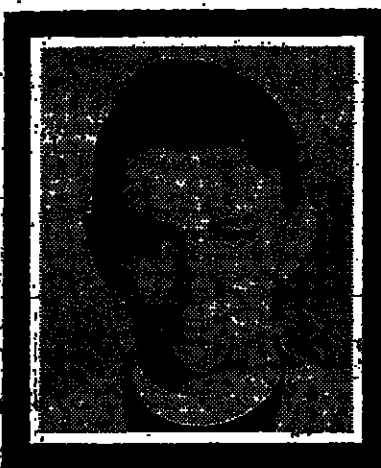
At 10pm on February 6, 1977, these seven Jesuit priests and nuns were murdered...



Father Martin Thomas, 43



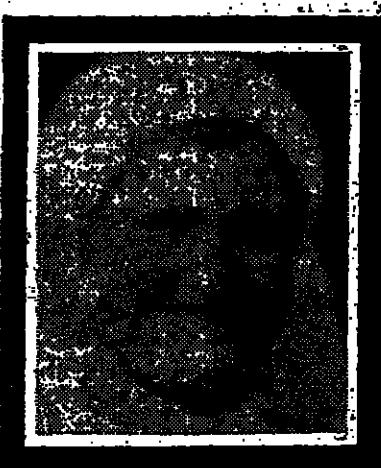
Brother John Conway, 57



Father Christopher Sheppard-Smith, 34



Sister Epiphany Berta Schneider, 73



Sister Cecilia Anna Siegle, 59



Sister Magdalena Christina Leonardowicz, 42



Sister Joseph Pauline Wilkman, 55

...who was responsible?

The British Foreign Office says it will
never be proved. But the Jesuits point
out that two witnesses are alive. Father
Dunstan Myerscough, "a down-to-
earth Lancashire lad whose testimony
they will never change" (he laid down
and miraculously escaped the 111 shots
fired) and the nun who was too ill to
walk. Both say the killers were African
guerrillas.

Superintendent John Potter,
policeman in charge of the area said
they were members of the Zimbabwe
African National Union but he doubted
if the gang had been under instruction
to kill the missionaries. "They seem
to do their own thing," he said. "If the
gang wanted to kill Europeans they
would kill Europeans."

But someone pays and feeds and
arms these men who are almost daily
murdering the innocent in the name of
"Freedom".
FACT: In September 1970, the 15
members of the World Council of

Churches met in Geneva and decided,
without dissent, to use their Special Fund
to Combat Racism to support guerrilla
organisations in the following
unequivocal terms:

"The proceeds of the Fund shall be used to
support organisations that combat
racism, rather than welfare organisations
that alleviate the effects of racism...
While these grants are made without control
in the manner in which they are spent, they
are at the same time a commitment of the
Programme to Combat Racism."

WARNINGS and protests in the
strongest terms were made immediately by
bishops and archbishops, and other
leading churchmen throughout the world,
that this decision would inevitably lead to
bloodshed in Southern Africa.
Nevertheless, in four years, no less than
£362,000 was handed over to 11 African
movements. Thus was the World Council
of Churches, in the words of its secretary-
general "programmed to fight racism".
Later there were attempts to control how

the money was used, as for non-military
purposes, but a Jesuit spokesman recently
called these "Natives".

FACT: On February 6 this year, seven
white Roman Catholic missionaries, four
of them women, were lined up and shot
dead at St Paul's Mission at Msumbe, only
30 miles north of Salisbury, Rhodesia.
The London "Times" reported:
"The massacre took place at about 10 pm
when a gang of 12 guerrillas entered the
mission. The African staff were ignored,
only the Whites were rounded up."

JUDGMENT on responsibility for what
the Pope called "a detestable act of
violence" may have to wait. But every
individual THINKING member of a
church can take steps to ensure that no
money which he or she gives should become
part of the World Council of Churches
"Programme to Combat Racism".

ACTION: WRITE NOW to your own
church and to the World Council
of Churches at 150 Route de Ferney,
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland.

HOME NEWS

London needs 300 more detectives 'or some crimes will not be investigated'

By Clive Borrell
Crime Correspondent

London's 3,500 detectives are so overworked that unless the Home Office agrees to increase their strength by at least 300 men some crimes will not be investigated, it was stated yesterday.

"Our workload is now at saturation point," Mr. John (Jack) Wilson, Assistant Commissioner (Crime), said yesterday. "We cannot keep asking the men we have or we shall reach the point where work is just not going to be done."

At a Scotland Yard press conference called to announce the latest, and highest, crime figures Mr. Wilson said that the CID rank were urgently needed to cope with the 4 per cent increase in crime during the past year.

The number of indictable crimes recorded in the Metropolitan Police area last year totalled 472,474, against 452,576

for 1975. Despite that 4 per cent increase the Yard takes some comfort from previous figures in which 1975 showed a 9 per cent increase on the previous year. In 1974 the increase was 16 per cent.

The number of men in the CID is now the same as it was in 1969 and "there has been one hell of a lot of crime since then," Mr. Wilson said. "We have got to a stage where there is only so much you can handle with so many men."

Specialist crime squads based at Scotland Yard were not being used more intensively to back up divisional CID officers to give the local men more time to investigate crime committed in their areas.

During last year the number of crimes solved fell by 4 per cent. In fact, only 23 out of every 100 crimes committed in London were "cleared up" last year. That is the worst detection rate since 1970.

Some of the difficulties facing the Yard can be seen from the figures for last year. Assaults totalled 12,512, against 11,319 in 1975; robbery 10,130 (7,959); burglary 106,945 (98,141); vehicle crimes, 150,656 (146,552); fraud and forgery 30,916 (30,825); other theft (including shoplifting, pocket-picking, &c.) 136,616 (136,062); miscellaneous crime (including blackmail, criminal damage and non-violent sexual offences &c.) 24,599 against 21,720.

The Yard's biggest anxiety, Mr. Wilson said, was the increase in robbery and other violent theft. Firearms were used or produced on 767 occasions.

Guns were used in the furtherance of 613 other crimes. Assaults on the police showed that an average of three officers were attacked every day, almost twice the figure for the previous year.

A breakdown of the year's figures shows an alarming involvement of juveniles. Half of all indictable crime committed in London was committed by people under the age of 20 (27 per cent by children between the ages of 10 and 16).

While 64 per cent of assaults were committed by those over 21, 15 per cent were committed by those under 16, and 21 per cent by those between 17 and 20; robbery and other violent theft showed that 62 per cent were committed by those under 20 and of all burglaries in London during last year 46 per cent were committed by children between the ages of 10 and 16 and a further 22 per cent by those aged between 17 and 20.

The Yard noticed an increase of husband-and-wife teams involved in burglary and shoplifting offences, said: "Often the woman is the dominant member of the team."

Concern at shortage of nurses

By John Roper
Health Services Correspondent

The Royal College of Nursing is to meet Mr. Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, early next month, to voice its concern over the effect of lack of money on the standards of care in the health service.

It has presented evidence to Mr. Ennals provided by a small number of members on the wards in reply to a questionnaire. But it concludes that the falling standard in the NHS is not just a question of money.

"The problem beneath the surface lies deeper and is bound up with medical priorities and the attraction of the esoteric rather than the common illness," the college says.

Patients are at risk, it says, because auxiliary nurses are in charge of wards for the whole night and sometimes during the day. Members reported that one hospital had no staff on the wards at night.

Because of the imbalance between auxiliary and qualified nursing staff, one qualified nurse had to check drugs for 100 patients and the round at night last until midnight. A time lag between the time the patient was due to receive the drug and the time he got it might be vital.

In some psychiatric hospitals a patient might be missing for a long time before his absence was noticed. In general hospitals a main risk to standards seemed to be in casualty departments. The main accident department at Reading was said on one day at least to have been manned by one young doctor and one student nurse.

Bail to be sought in secrets case

By Stewart Tandler
Home Affairs Reporter

A High Court judge is to be asked this morning to allow bail for the two journalists and a former soldier charged under the Official Secrets Act and remanded in custody on Monday.

Mr. Justice Bristow will hear the applications in chambers. The two journalists are Crispin Aubrey, aged 31, who works for the magazine *Time Out*, and Duncan Campbell, aged 24, a freelance journalist, who has written for the magazine. The other man is John Berry, aged 33, who served in the Royal Corps of Signals until 1970 and is now a van driver.

The three men are all charged under section 2 of the Official Secrets Act, 1911. It is alleged that Mr. Berry passed classified information to the two journalists at an address in north London last Friday.

On Monday Tottenham magistrates were told that further arrests might take place, but it is understood that there is no immediate likelihood of that.

The arrests have brought an outcry that the Government has failed to keep to the terms of a statement on changes to the Official Secrets Act given by Mr. Rees, Home Secretary, in the Commons last November. He said then that mere receipt of information was not enough to bring the two journalists' arrest—should no longer be an offence and he hoped the

Attorney General would bear in mind such planned changes to the Act when considering prosecutions.

Yesterday it was pointed out that Mr. Samuel Silkin, QC, the Attorney General, had told the Commons last December that he would not restrict his assent to prosecutions required by the Act to areas that would remain offences under any new legislation.

"I shall continue to consider each case on its merits in deciding whether it would be in the public interest to consent to a prosecution," he said.

But he added: "It will be open to me in appropriate cases to regard the Home Secretary's statement and the general view come given to it as indicative of the public interest."

Fewer killed in work accidents

Fewer people were killed and fewer injured at work in 1975, the first full year in which the Health and Safety Commission was fully in operation, than in any previous year, Mr. James Hamner, Chief Inspector of Factories, said in the Factory Inspectorate's annual report, published yesterday.

There were 427 deaths in industry in 1975, compared with 479 in 1974. The number of accidents was down from 256,330 to 243,140.

But 181 construction workers were killed in 1975 against 174 in 1974. The number of accidents rose from 32,556 in 1974 to 34,161.

On the railways the risk of death is said to be as high as in the construction industry and four times that of industry as a whole.

Mr Agee asks Scots court to prevent his deportation

From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

Mr. Philip Agee, the former CIA agent, began his fight in Scotland yesterday against deportation by lodging a petition at the Court of Session in Edinburgh. He is seeking a declaration that deportation is beyond the power of the Home Secretary in Scotland.

Mr. Agee is also seeking to prevent the Chief Constable of the Lothian and Borders police from arresting him or doing anything at all to enforce the Secretary's request that would result in his forcible removal from the jurisdiction of the Scottish courts.

Mr. Agee's address was given as 1 Royal Circus, Edinburgh. The petition is likely to come before the court today. Mr. Agee will be represented by Mr. Lionel Dalch, QC.

The deportation order served by two Special Branch officers in Edinburgh last Friday gives Mr. Agee until Tuesday to "choose a destination abroad."

Mr. Agee's lawyers' argument concerns the legality of a statement of the Home Secretary's actions in Scotland.

Mr. Dalch prepared a similar argument last year against the deportation of Mr. James Macdonald Reid. The Home Office abandoned its case before it came to court. The contention was that Acts of 1887 and 1926 meant that only the Secretary of State for Scotland can exercise power in Scotland and that decisions taken by Mr. Rees, Home Secretary, and other ministers affecting Scotland are invalid.

Wells shows way to save cathedrals' sculpture

By a Staff Reporter

An exhibition of the threatened sculpture of Wells Cathedral was opened in the Upper Waiting Hall of the Palace of Westminster yesterday, with the support of the Government and members of all parties.

Lady Birk, Under-Secretary of State with responsibility for conservation at the Department of the Environment, said that after the fever surrounding the proposed demolition of the cathedral, the Government had decided to save the sculpture.

The exhibition, which is open to the public until March 1, shows the work of the cathedral's sculptors from the 12th to the 15th centuries. It includes a large number of carvings, some of which are being conserved by the National Museum of Wales.

The exhibition is a joint venture of the cathedral and the National Museum of Wales. It is the first time that the work of the cathedral's sculptors has been shown in a public gallery.

The exhibition is a testament to the skill and artistry of the cathedral's sculptors. It shows the way in which the cathedrals can be saved and their sculpture preserved.

Stay-at-home voters worry candidates

By Penny Symon
Residents of the City of London and Westminster, South, are not prone to display great enthusiasm for exercising their right to vote in parliamentary elections.

That tendency is causing much worry for party workers who have been traipsing the streets trying to persuade the reluctant to turn out tomorrow to vote in the by-election caused by the appointment of Mr. Christopher Tugendhat as an EEC commissioner.

The three main candidates have made efforts to ensure that the voters are aware that by-election is happening, but it is a constituency, however, as it does, most of London's tourist attractions, where time can be wasted playing "hunt the residents."

The Conservatives are determined to hold the seat with an increased majority. As one said: "We do not just want to win the seat, we want to make the Government realize that the country is fed up and the size of our vote will indicate this."

The difficulties of canvassing in this constituency where the population is so mobile is illustrated by the fact that about four thousand people who were on the new electoral register compiled last October have already moved out.

Mr. Peter Brooke, the Conservative candidate, is the chairman of a management consultancy firm and the son of Lord Brooke of Crampton, who was Home Secretary from 1962 to 1963. Mr. Brooke says he is still enjoying the tiring business of canvassing, but in spite of his work his helpers fear that their supporters may still remain at home tomorrow.

Mr. Arthur, Belgrave and Knatchbull are on the minds of Conservatives because it is there that the faithful may feel that the seat is so safe as to make it unnecessary to vote. If the Conservatives want to deliver their strong message to the voters, they must persuade those voters to change their attitude.

The Labour Party is also worried about the stay-at-home voters, but for a different reason. Mr. Malcolm Noble, the party's candidate, is the head of business studies at a South London comprehensive school and chairman of Lambeth housing committee. He says he would not be surprised if traditional Labour supporters do not bother to vote, in order to reach the Government a lesson.

He is constantly questioned on the doorstep about prices and rents, although many of the queries about the latter come from tenants in privately rented accommodation who are terrified of what a Conservative government might do about security of tenure.

Labour has been running a busy campaign, but there is concern that the stay at home mood will prevail.

He has talked much about the difficulties of inner-city decay, and the Prime Minister, in his good-luck message to Mr. Noble, said that the problems of urban decay, lack of industrial jobs, poor housing and inadequate schools in inner cities would remain a chief priority, even at a time of great economic difficulty.

Candidates: P. Brooke (C), Mr. Noble (Lab), A. Springour (Lib), W. Bonkes (Afr. Road Public Safety), D. Delorfield (New Britain), R. Herbert (Chris. Crown, Country, Community, Christian Const), M. Lobb (Nat Party), P. Mitchell (Campaign for Homosexual Civil Rights), W. Thomson (Christian Outreach to Belain, Anti-Pornography), P. Kavanagh (Nat Front).

General election: C. Tugendhat (C) 14,350; P. Turner (Lab) 8,595; Underwood (Lib) 4,122; D. Baxter (Nat Front) 686; C majority, 5,761.

In brief

Orkney rejects uranium bonfire
Orkney Islands Council yesterday unanimously rejected a proposal to build a uranium bonfire on the coast of Orkney.

In a 30-minute debate, the council opposed the application only on health grounds for landscape, conservation and geographical considerations.

First broadcast NUS campaign
The Federation of C. tive Students yesterday the National Union of Students' executive of political and financial bankruptcy, treat employees shabbily, immaturity and deliberate representation of its interests. The federation has 16,000 members, two of its seven candidates the NUS national election are successful.

Three GLC grants
The Greater London Council announced yesterday it would contribute £100,000 to the Westminster City Council, £40,000 for the Queen Elizabeth and Purcell Room, both in the South Bank, and £30,000 for work at the Palace, north London.

£10,000 reward offered
Barclays Bank offered a reward yesterday for information leading to the arrest and conviction of an armed robber who had been seen at a branch at Canary Wharf, north London, Thursday.

Tea for Queen Mo
Queen Elizabeth the Mother asked for tea of champagne to be served at a reception yesterday in account of the economy. She was opening the new quarters of the Pharmacy Society of Great Britain, Lambeth, London.

Polio tests negative
Tests on a boy aged 11, who had been suffering from myelitis have proved negative. Last week it was confirmed that he had contracted the disease.

Floods cut off vill
The villages of Radcliffe and Kingston on Nottinghamshire, were by floods yesterday. Main roads were under water here rainfall.

Rent strike ends
A rent strike by 120 at North Staffordshire P.N.C. Stoke-on-Trent, was off yesterday because of threat of legal action by governors.

The answers to yesterday's arithmetic paper

By a Staff Reporter

For the benefit of interested readers of *The Times*, too innumerate to solve, to answer the arithmetical questions published in yesterday's issue, the answers follow. The question were devised for the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications as specimens of a standard standard of basic skills in school mathematics for children aged 15.

1. 228
2. 1.5; 3. 1.10; 4. 1.10
3. 1.5; 4. 1.10
5. 20 (answer to the nearest 10)
6. 7. 85p
8. a. £1.80; b. £2.60; c. 80p
9. a. 1159; b. 1159 and 0905; c. 12
10. a. 7; b. 8
11. 36p
12. £500 (to nearest £100)
13. 12 miles
14. 7.0243
15. a. 11.73; b. 1,173,000; c. 0.1173
16. 15
17. a. £26.46; b. 12
18. a. £180; b. 12 months
19. a. 7 cars; b. Wednesday; c. 20
20. Morning reading, 8,255 gallons; evening reading, 7,505 gallons; amount used in day, 750 gallons; 10 days

Plumber's lamp 'caused fire that killed 11'

From Our Correspondent
Hull

A plumber who repaired a leaking water pipe with a blow lamp was the cause of a fire that killed 11 people when Wensley Lodge, a country social services home for elderly men at Hessle, near Hull, caught fire on January 5. Dr. Philip Science, the North Humberside Coroner, told an inquest jury at Hull yesterday. Misadventure verdicts were recorded on the 11 men.

Dr. Science emphasized that the plumber, Mr. Stephen Hay, of Mill Lane, Kirkella, near Hull, had completed his job with exemplary efficiency and his blow lamp was not faulty.

In evidence Mr. Hay said he had to replace a section of pipe right under the ceiling in the boiler room which was immediately below bedroom 11 on the first floor of Wensley Lodge.

He used his propane gas blow lamp for less than five minutes to solder the joint. Afterwards he checked the work twice and inspected the taps in bedroom 11. Everything was in order. He was sure the blow lamp had not come into contact with anything but the water pipe.

Mr. Graham Devonport, senior scientific officer at the forensic science laboratory, Harrogate, said that in his opinion the only explanation for the fire was smouldering after the accidental ignition by the blow lamp.

Provost Marshal hanging up his spurs

By Philip Howard

The Provost Marshal is about to hang up his spurs and retire. The man who has held the post for 54 years, stretching back to Henry Gwyddford in 1511. But the office is far older than Henry's, completely disappearing from the records in the misty history that surrounds the Norman kings.

It is one of the most ancient appointments in the Crown, and is responsible for law and order among the rapacious and licentious soldiery of the feudal armies, and for maintaining the peace "twelve miles about the Palace person." There was a provost marshal at Henry's and at Agincourt. In the sixteenth century his staff included a chaplain, two judges, two tipstaves, two jurers and an overworked hangman.

The chief military policeman has been doing his job for 54 years, but he is still responsible for maintaining good order and military discipline wherever soldiers go. In addition, the military police have acquired the important role of traffic controllers of the vast and mechanized chaos incorporated in a modern battlefield.

When the spearhead troops stumble ashore through the breakers, or the tanks rumble cautiously up to the beach, and the military police are there first to point them the way, and to spread an air of confidence in the panic of war by highly polished boots and smart red caps. Their unofficial motto, "First in, last out," has been the sober truth from Dunkirk, where the provost



Brigadier Rendell: Once disguised as a Vatican priest.

men who act in unison. Military policemen have to do both.

Brigadier Rendell has the experience and the appearance for the splendid part of provost marshal. He is a professional soldier with 18 years of varied and strenuous service, with bushy eyebrows like Mars to threaten and command.

Dennis Rendell joined The Middlesex Regiment just before the last war and transferred to help to form 2nd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment. He was put in the bag near Tunis, when the battalion was almost annihilated. At the third attempt he escaped from a prisoner of war camp and spent some time in the Vatican disguised as a priest.

Finding this inhibiting, he took a flat in occupied Rome, from which he helped other prisoners to escape from the German military police, and made a visit to the Anzio beachhead to encourage the Allies to advance on Rome, which was for a few days undefended.

One night at the opera he found himself sitting behind General Marshal, the German garrison commander in Rome. So he got his autograph on his programme, and auctioned it for the Red Cross when he returned home.

He rejoined 2nd Battalion in time for the last war, and continued to serve with it after the war and through Korea. In 1954 he transferred to the Royal Military Police, and became their provost marshal three years ago. This summer the corps is celebrating its centenary.

Reporter's phone call led to blank column in paper

From Arthur Osman
Birmingham

The Birmingham Evening Mail appeared with a blank column in its inside page yesterday because a reporter in the paper's London office telephoned his report to Birmingham instead of teleprinting it.

A note of apology to readers said: "A report on the record of the National Graphical Association should have appeared in this space. It does not appear because members of the National Graphical Association refused to handle it when the reporter in the interests of speed telephoned copy from London, rather than pass it through NGA-manned teleprinters."

The newspaper said the reporter, who was a member of the National Union of Journalists, had been using his news desk to expedite his report. He was told to teleprint it, but it was quickly for an inside page wire room that he was so but later the London printer operator asked him to put it on the inside page. Birmingham to "black report. The London branch the NGA approached called in the Birmingham branch, then refused to handle it.

The newspaper said an attempt to handle it was made, but the explanation to readers had been so out of their trouble.

The NGA in Birmingham declined to comment last night.

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Takeover of village life by newcomers criticized

From John Young
Planning Reporter
Buxton

The difficulties caused by middle-class newcomers throwing themselves too heavily into village affairs were raised at yesterday's opening session of the "examination in public" of the Peak Park structure plan.

The trouble with commuters was that they tended to be more dominant than the natives, said Geoffrey Whiting, of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council. "We want them to take part in village life but not to take it over."

Mr. Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, has ordered the examination, the first to deal with a national park, to clarify four main issues: population, transport, mineral workings and recreation. Yesterday's session concentrated on ways of maintaining a stable and balanced population.

Mr. Theo Burrell, park planning officer, said the object was to ensure that there was a living rural community and not a suburbanized or exurbanized one by 1991.

Mr. Robert Thornton, chairman of the examining panel, asked whether, if he could be a time traveller and move forward to 1991, he would see any difference in the park.

Mr. Burrell replied: "I hope you would not see much difference. But I hope you would feel a difference in terms of a better relationship between visitors and local communities."

One obstacle to retaining balanced communities in the park was the influx of young people that the streets of the cities were paved with gold, he added.

The examination continues today.

'Modest' rate increase for Merseyside

Merseyside County Council yesterday approved a rate precept of 30p in the pound. Mr. William Selton, the chairman, described it as a "modest" increase of 2p or 8.9 per cent.

Northop Borough Council voted to raise its rate at 2p in the pound. Mr. Jack Corrie, the council leader, said: "Had it not been for an unfavourable rate-support grant we could actually have made a reduction in the rate of up to 2p."

Nottingham Finance Committee recommended an increase of 2.6p to 71.3p in the pound.

Drivers hostile over offences, police say

Many people think of traffic offences as crimes such as stealing and assault but more like civil disobedience, Mr. John Boddycombe, a deputy assistant commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, told an RAC road safety conference in London yesterday.

"The variety of excuses for infringing traffic regulations advanced by drivers reflects admirable ingenuity and quick-thinking, but there is no disputing the fact that the public attitude towards police enforcement of the less serious traffic offences is generally hostile."

The value of an law law first in the extent to which it was accepted, and secondly in the physical resources available to enforce it, he continued.

For every 100 prosecutions there were 155 cautions and oral warnings, for the police did not seek to estrange the motoring public.

Man who kill girl helped to search for

When Julie Sydenham, three, disappeared from at Wellington, Somerset, Rosegood drove her around the area to try her. But she was already bettered with a hammer, dumped on a common, stated at Exeter Crown yesterday, Mr. Rosegood killed her, it was alleged.

Mr. Rosegood, aged unemployed service at of George Street, Wells, denied murdering the 3 September 24 but pleaded to manslaughter. Mr. Ackner adjourned the case 14 days in the hope that can be found at a hospital.

Mr. Rosegood is alleged to have said in a statement the girl was playing netball and when she swung his something he swung his and caught her with the mer. A machine collapses her and he panicked.

Press licensing rejected

Criticism of the communication industry for its reporting of industrial affairs were rejected yesterday by Mr. David Burnett, director-general of the Periodical Publishers Association.

Mr. Mostyn ("Moss") Evans, a leading contender in the election for the general secretaryship of the Transport and General Workers' Union, had suggested at a TUC conference last week that newspaper owners should have to operate licence to protect the public from any abuse of their "cultural dominance power."

Mr. Burnett said: "The purpose of the unions is to secure a free editorial environment, as any of the national press will tell you. It is the height of nonsense to suggest that the hands of the press would be greater objectives."

WEST EUROPE

EEC plea to Britain on farm prices

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Feb 22

Britain was exhorted in Brussels today not to sacrifice an opportunity to take the first real steps towards reform of the EEC's common agricultural policy for the sake of a compromise of only short-term advantage.

The plea came from Mr Christopher Tugendhat, the EEC Commissioner responsible for budgetary affairs, who was involved in the drafting of the 1977-78 common farm price proposals unveiled earlier this month by his agricultural colleague, Mr Finn Olav Gundelach.

Mr Tugendhat accepts that Britain's immediate aim is bound to be an agreement that will have the least impact on domestic food prices, especially as there will be an automatic 2 per cent increase anyway this year because of alignment with EEC price levels.

What is worrying him is that while a number of possible compromises could secure this short-term British objective, they could affect the prospects for a longer-term reordering of agricultural priorities in the Community generally.

In particular, Mr Tugendhat is concerned that Mr John Silkin, the British Minister of Agriculture, could find it politically expedient to agree to an average price increase higher than the 3 per cent proposed by the Commission in return for a smaller devaluation of the "green" pound than the recommended 6 per cent.

Mr Tugendhat believes that this could deal a fatal blow to the strategy pursued by him and Mr Gundelach against the EEC's chronic structural surpluses.

He believes that the climate for farm policy reform is more propitious than it is likely to be again for some time, because of the general concern about inflation. This has already led to some novel postures being struck.

TV blackout in France

Paris, Feb 22.—A strike by French television and radio staffs caused the cancellation of many programmes today. It was part of a week's series of strikes in support of a general pay and conditions agreement which will culminate in a general stoppage of technical, artistic, administrative and journalistic staff tomorrow. Reuters.

Choice of site for nuclear waste dump in Lower Saxony certain to anger environment lobby

From Dan van der Var
Bonn, Feb 22

The Lower Saxony Land Government today announced its choice of a site for the highly controversial West German national dump for radioactive waste from nuclear power stations.

It is situated underground at Gorleben. Subject to confirmation (which cannot be taken for granted) from the Hanover Parliament, it is likely to create more problems than it solves.

The Lower Saxons have been under increasing pressure from the federal Government in Bonn to name a site. Without a waste dump, the country's nuclear power programme could have been crippled. It has already been curtailed because of a nationwide wave of protest, the latest evidence of which was provided by mass demonstrations last weekend.

Gorleben is a small town close to the Elbe and the East German border. This fact alone may prompt objections to the choice of strategic grounds. It would be one of the first places to be overrun in the event of a military advance from the east.

It is also on the edge of a

nature reserve, which is bound to arouse the hostility of the growing environmental lobby as well as the opponents of nuclear power. Gorleben was one of five possible sites under consideration.

The ideal site from a scientific point of view is a deepening deposit of natural salt in West Germany, such deposits are found only in the eastern part of Lower Saxony.

The plan for the dump requires the construction of a reprocessing plant. Some of the waste from burnt-out power station elements can be recycled. When the waste has been reduced to the unavoidable minimum, it is to be placed in sealed radiation-proof containers and buried in the salt. Gorleben has huge deposits of salt 30 million years old.

The favoured site offers at a depth of 3,300ft below ground a salt deposit about two miles long and well over a mile wide. Scientists believe that waste will have to be kept there for a millennium until the level of radioactivity declines to a safe level. This poses security problems in a relatively small, almost landlocked country which would be in the front line of European hostilities.

Italy's plans for industry earn praise

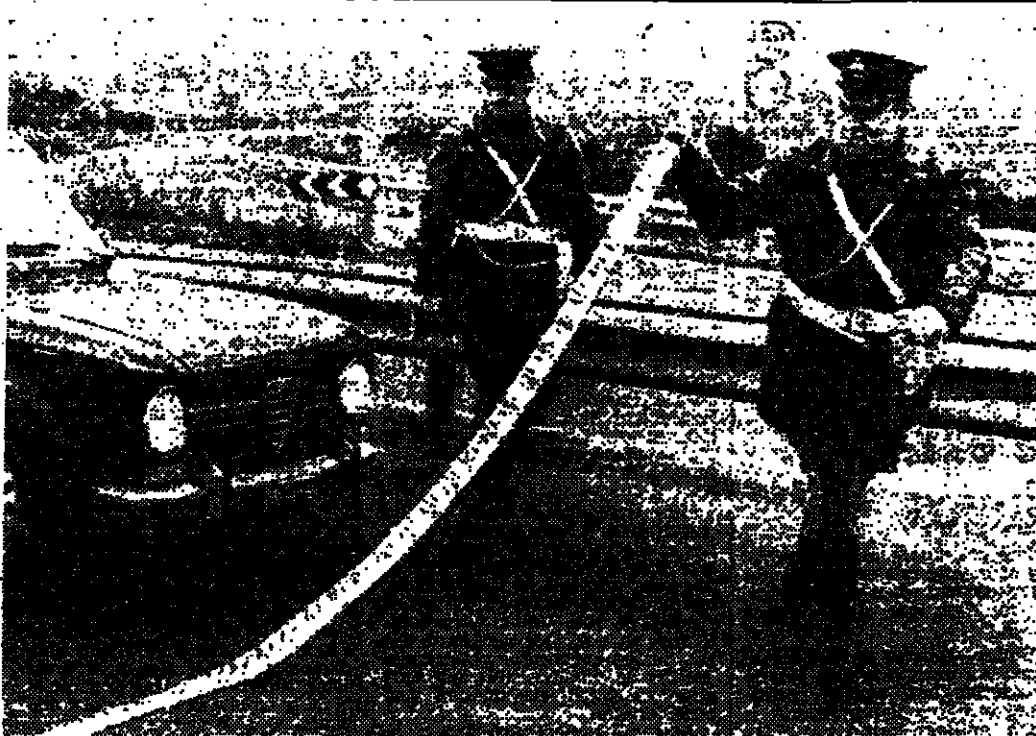
From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Feb 22

Mr Jenkins, President of the EEC Commission, spoke here today of the "courageous efforts" being made in Italy to improve the economy.

The measures taken so far did not solve all the problems, he said. The inflation rate was still high but, checking his impressions with those of his visit here six months ago, he felt the policies adopted had been at least as substantial and as firm as the difficulties allowed.

Mr Jenkins made his comments at a press conference after talks with Signor Andreotti, the Prime Minister, and Signor Gastone Stambatti, the Treasury Minister.

Commenting on the likely enlargement of the Community, he said he expected that the Portuguese Government would make a formal application next month to join the EEC.



A strip of long nails is placed across a road by Rome police under new regulations allowing stricter measures at road blocks.

End in sight to strikes in Holland

From Sue Masterman
The Hague, Feb 22

Dutch employers and trade union federations made important progress today towards ending strikes which still hold up work in the ports, several hundred building projects and a variety of industries.

Representatives of the port employers from Rotterdam and Amsterdam, where the unions claim that between 80 and 90 per cent of the essential services are idle, will meet the unions in Rotterdam tomorrow for talks. The employers have not demanded a return to work as a condition for talks, and the unions have made no move to send their 6,725 striking members back to work.

In the building sector, the unions have agreed that all strikes, affecting some 6,500 workers on 150 projects, will end tomorrow morning. A basis has been found for a new wage agreement, they say. A union spokesman said he expected a small pay rise over and above the automatic compensation for the rise in the cost of living.

The strikes, which have lasted 12 working days, have won for the unions, at least for the present year, the automatic price compensation they demanded as well as a rise in real income.

Communist Party in Spain will remain illegal

Madrid, Feb 22.—The Spanish Government has rejected the request of the Communist Party to be legalized.

An Interior Ministry statement said today that the "antecedents and the aims" of the party appear to be sufficient reasons for its request to be rejected.

Yesterday it was announced that Señora Dolores Ibarruri, the exiled party president and "Las Pasionaria" of the civil war, as well as Señor Santiago Carrillo, the party's secretary-general, who is now living in the Soviet Union, were the candidates in legislative elections expected this spring. Agency France-Press.

Our Madrid Correspondent writes: Señor Eduardo Carriles, the Finance Minister, announced tonight that a further 50,000m

pesetas (£400m) will be used to stimulate the ailing economy and to try to reduce the level of unemployment.

He said the price freeze, which was introduced last November on a wide range of goods, would continue in an effort to combat inflation, which is unofficially estimated to be running at 20 per cent.

Señor Carriles added that subsidies may be introduced to maintain the freeze, which has not worked very effectively. Señor Mariano Sanchez Corias, the leader of the right-wing extremist group, Warriors of Christ the King, was arrested this afternoon along with 10 other people after police discovered an arms factory in a flat in Madrid.

Eight of those arrested are Italian. One, a woman, is French.

Soviet call to ban all tests

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, Feb 22

A call to France and China to participate in negotiations for ending all nuclear testing was made in the 30-nation disarmament conference today by the Soviet delegation, Mr V. I. Likhtchev.

"We consider it necessary, without waiting for the start of negotiations on the whole range of nuclear disarmament problems, to ban nuclear weapon tests by every body and everywhere," he said. The question of prohibiting underground tests has been artificially complicated by exaggerating the problem of supervision.

Although Russia maintained that seismic instruments could now eliminate this difficulty, it had nevertheless proposed that a party to a comprehensive test ban treaty could raise the question of on-site inspection to ascertain whether a particular subterranean disturbance was natural or nuclear.

MPs shy about Europe ambitions

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bring forward a direct elections Bill proposing that the boundaries commissions for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland should be authorized to carve up the 635 constituencies into groups of eight or nine to create 81 European constituencies.

A fierce argument is expected from Westminster MPs that any carry-over, particularly if the procedure for inquiries is to be curtailed, should wait until the boundary commissions have brought all electoral quotas roughly into line in 1979.

It is also a political factor, of course, that a European election falling in a trough year for the governing party might produce a landslide for the Opposition party. In Wales, however, it has to be assumed that only Labour would win any European representation, with some European constituencies running from Chester to Pembroke, a geographical scale that would make party organization virtually impossible. Similarly, in Scotland the Scottish National Party might sweep the board, except for Russell Johnston, the Liberal, in the north.

The alternative to an arbi-

trary carve-up by the boundary commissions, which might incur criticisms of gerrymandering, is the adoption of the list system common among the rest of the Nine.

No senior Minister believes, however, that Westminster, or the electorate outside, would adopt a list system, depending on nomination by party headquarters, as democratic or in the British tradition. In effect, it would mean that the electorate would have no special relationship with their directly elected MP, because he would be voting for a party rather than a candidate.

Nevertheless, it becomes more likely that the only method by which the Government can fulfil its undertaking to cooperate in direct elections in May or June next year is by the adoption of a list system with the understanding that, when the four-year term of the European Parliament expires, it will be mandatory for all the countries in the EEC to have a uniform system of election, no doubt including proportional representation.

Without the adoption of the list system, the definition of European parliamentary boundaries and the methodology of the election, quite apart from the questions of party organ-

Parisien Libere mediator gives up

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Feb 22

Mr Jean Motrin, appointed by the Government last December to mediate in the intractable dispute between the management of the newspaper *Le Parisien Libere* and the 665 members of the printers' union on strike for nearly two years, has conceded defeat.

His report to the Minister of Labour published today, concludes that "the standpoints of the parties to the conflict appear irreconcilable, both on points of law and of certain facts, and on its solutions".

The mediator has put forward proposals to solve the human problem of the 362 printers who have not found alternative employment.

These proposals involve the early retirement of 73 of them at the age of 56; the voluntary retirement of 110 others, with severance pay of 60,000 francs (£6,700); the reemployment of 160 others, including 20 by *Le Parisien Libere*, and the rest by other press concerns; and the granting to the remaining 279 of full unemployment benefits of 90 per cent of wages for one year.

Finally, the mediator suggests that all French press organs published abroad should be represented by agreement between employers and unions,

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Israeli in tears after five-year sentence

From Our Correspondent
Tel Aviv, Feb 22

Mr Asher Yadin, who was one step away from the office of Governor of the Bank of Israel only six months ago, today went to prison to begin a five-year sentence for accepting bribes.

A lone tear rolled down his pale cheek as the 54-year-old economist, who had been one of the most influential men in the country, heard Judge Hadassah Ben-Tzion, a former classmate, pronounce sentence. He was accused of taking "kickbacks" amounting to 124,000 Israeli pounds (more than £3,000) from an attorney and a real estate agent for various land transactions involving Kupat Holim, the vast workers' sick fund over which he presided.

Mr Yadin was also fined a total of 250,000 Israeli pounds (about £15,400).

The judge said she did not believe Mr Yadin's claim that he had been forced to take the bribes by the conflict between the 124,000 Israeli pounds (about £3,000) that he had received from Mr Haim Goshen, the attorney.

She also scolded the prisoner for springing on the court last week a statement implying that prominent personalities, including Cabinet ministers, had knowingly mulcted large trade union institutions for funds for the party. She noted that his testimony came after the case, had closed with an agreement with the prosecution under which he pleaded guilty to some counts and others were amended.

Eric Marsden writes from Jerusalem: Under the cloud of a party scandal, delegates to the convention of the Israel Labour Party are gathered here to agree on the party's platform for the general election in May, and to nominate their choice for Prime Minister. The leadership contest to be decided tomorrow night after the convention moves to Tel Aviv, will be a straight fight between Mr Rabin, the present Prime Minister, and Mr Shimon Peres, the Defence Minister.

Most observers predict a close

race, but supporters of Mr Peres were confident tonight that he can count on 60 per cent of the delegates.

The delegates arriving today were conscious of the possible implications for the Labour Party of the jail sentence on Mr Yadin. His disgrace is thought certain to harm Labour's election chances; and more immediately, to make it harder for Mr Rabin to retain his posts as party leader and Prime Minister.

The Rabin-Peres confrontation, which marks the first time a serving Prime Minister has been challenged by one of his Cabinet colleagues, has aroused strong feelings among party stalwarts. Mrs Golda Meir, the former Prime Minister, who is now a backstage adviser to the Government, has criticized Mr Peres for his decision.

She contended that it was not good for the party for someone to seek to be Prime Minister when he had no difference of opinion with the present leader, and no new plan.

Mr Peres has campaigned on the need for change in the party and has claimed that under him Labour would win more Knesset seats. Mr Rabin has implied in interviews that Mr Peres has sought extra money for the Defence Ministry at the expense of social reforms and lacks sufficient understanding of military matters.

Party officials assert that after the contest the banks will close again and that Labour will face the election all the stronger. In press advertisements, the party convention is described as "a lesson in democracy which will one day be taught in schools in citizenship lessons".

Mr Rabin emphasized tonight in a speech to the convention that the Government is ready for peace negotiations at Geneva without delay, and without preconditions, but repeated Israel's stand that any talks on return of parts of the West Bank must be with Jordan and not with the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO).

Rhodesia first test for Dr Owen

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improvement in relations between the Soviet Union and the Community (which the Russians do not recognize). "If you had looked for that in the context of fish six months ago, it would have been very surprising," he said.

Dr Owen, clearly, is most at ease on Community matters, where he was the junior Foreign Office minister in charge. He feels particularly gratified about the progress on fishery policy, where he believes that Britain's "rather national" position on conservation measures led to the right result.

Many people he said, had wanted Britain to act more vigorously, but in fact the policy of steady pressure which Mr

Crosland had backed was proving itself.

He regards foreign policy as he saw domestic policy, as concerned with improving the condition of people's lives, in Britain and in other countries.

The Health Service (on which he has written a book) represents for him everything that socialism is about. If he could bring anything to his new office, he added, it would be support for the ideals of human dignity and rights and the freedom of the individual.

Nothing had given him greater pleasure in yesterday's reports of his appointment than the inability of the press to categorize what sort of socialist he was. "I like to look at things on their merits,"

The most immediate of the issues is, of course, Rhodesia in trying to get a settlement. There was no option he would not take, including a vote in Africa if he thought it worth help.

Mrs Hart's post: Mrs Hart appointed Minister of State Overseas Development, in a reshuffle, will be known as Minister for Overseas Development, it was made clear yesterday as was Mr Judd, her predecessor.

The post does not carry cabinet rank. When Mr Price was appointed to it in July 1975, he continued the Cabinet ranking to which he had been entitled as Secretary of State for Education.

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South African photographer wins an award

Johannesburg, Feb 22.—A

photographer who has spent 27 months in detention has become the first black South African to win the country's highest award in journalism, given for the best article in the Soweto township riots last year.

Mr Peter Magubane, aged 43, was presented with the 2,500 rand (about £1,700) Stellenbosch Farmers Winery Award for enterprising journalism by Mr Walter Crookall, the American television commentator.

After covering the disturbances for *The Rand Daily Mail* for more than 10 weeks, he was held in detention without charge for four months and released just after Christmas. He had previously spent a total of 23 months in jail, 17 of them in solitary confinement.

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President Amin's hint of Uganda plot deaths

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Feb 22

President Amin of Uganda admitted tonight that some people in the country, presumably members of the armed forces, had lost their lives in controlling the situation created by the recent plot to overthrow his régime.

He said he had sent a message of condolence to their relatives, and gave no hint of how many people died, or who they were.

Some supporters of the plot were in the armed forces, and that they had overpowered others loyal to him. He said that the "disloyal" were collaborating with exiles, Zionists and imperialist agents."

The Anglican Bishop of Maseno, Kenya, the Right Rev

Henry Okullu has issued a statement in Nairobi appealing to the Organisation of African States to convene a summit meeting to find ways of helping the people of Uganda "who are marooned by a bunch of lunatic soldiers".

Nations should no longer regard the fate of Ugandans as an internal matter for them to solve.

Telephone and telefax links between Kenya and Uganda were restored today after having been interrupted since Sunday, with only a brief respite yesterday.

A Kenyan newspaper, *The Standard*, reported today that the widow and children of Archbishop Luvum had been restricted to their home in Kampala.

Americans are still undecided about Mr Carter

Folksy image contrasts with ambition

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Feb 22

There was once an Italian fisherman who became a priest. He earned a reputation for humility because he always spread a fishing net above his dinner table, to remind himself and his guests of his humble origins.

He rose through the ranks as a priest, then a bishop, then a cardinal, and was now a cardinal. He was not being released on the argument that, until the Bill appears, Westminster MPs might lose support in their constituencies if it were known that they were sitting a future in Europe. Significantly, several of the present European MPs, some elected by the Parliamentary Labour Party and others nominated by the Conservative Party, intend to stand for the directly elected Strasbourg Parliament, but none of them so far wishes the fact to be published.

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Mr Trudeau confident Canada will stay united

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Feb 22

Mr Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, told United States Congress today that the unity of Canada would not be broken. "There will be some adjustments, and some will take place," he said. "We will succeed."

His speech was much more sharply to the point than in such discourses. He went straight to the issue which tormented his audience: the separatist movement in Quebec. "Our Confederation has known, in the course of first century, a promise though incomplete success, have not been able to create the conditions in which French Canadians have been able to feel themselves in a real state of equality with their English-speaking compatriots, nor have they been able to develop fully the richness of their cultural heritage."

"That is the heart of the problem. That is why certain Quebecers think that they should separate from Canada and found their own country. The new government of Quebec has adopted a policy of forming to the views of the minority even though during the election campaign the Prime Minister sought votes for a sound government and not secede."

The Prime Minister said that Canadians would have to change some of their attitudes and that they would have to understand each other better across the linguistic barrier.

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The Queen meets young New Zealanders assembled at a racecourse on the outskirts of Auckland.

morning after the royal yacht
Britannia had anchored in
choppy waters off the naval
base across the bay from the
town centre. It immediately
began to rain.
There to greet her were Sir
Denis Blundell, the Governor-
General, a wholly uncontrovers-
ial former New Zealand High
Commissioner in London, and
Mr Robert Muldoon, the power-
fully built and temperamentally
pugnacious Prime Minister.
A 54-minute military review
turned out to be unexpectedly
stirring. Bands of the three
services, with women, even a

female cornet player, and
Maris well represented in
their ranks, provided an out-
standingly professional blend of
music and marching. At the
end they took off their hats, in-
cluding the army hats known
from their shape as lemon-
squeezers, and gave the Queen
three heartfelt cheers. The sun
came out and the cicadas began
to sing.
In his speech of welcome, Mr
Muldoon recalled that the first
royal visitor to New Zealand
was a sailor prince and Duke
of Edinburgh, Queen Victoria's
second son Alfred Ernest

Albert, who made three visits
within a few months in 1870 and
1871. He showed a deep and
practical interest in the Maori
people, Mr Muldoon said.
The Queen's subsequent
"walkabout" has become a
familiar feature of royal tours
since it was pioneered in Well-
ington in 1970. According to
the Queen's thrilled interlocu-
tors, mainly old ladies, ques-
tions were on the lines of: "Do
you like Auckland?" and
"Have you been doing your
shopping?"
After a civic luncheon, the
Queen and Prince Philip met

some of the 3,500 excited, sun-
tanned children at the lovely
Elderslie racecourse, in Auck-
land's suburbia. Back on board
Britannia, they gave a press
reception, dinner party and
finally a larger reception. Mr
P. Page, the royal chef, Mr P.
Spencer, the pastry sous chef,
two senior cooks, another cook,
three dining room assistants and
a kitchen porter had been
brought from London to help.
Tomorrow the Queen will be
visiting towns within a 100-mile
radius of Auckland before
heading south on Thursday to
wards Wellington.

Violent results of New York's financial difficulties

When a journey on the subway can be an appointment with fear

From Peter Strafford
New York, Feb 22
The dangers of travelling in
New York's subway (Under-
ground) have been getting a
thorough airing over the past
few days. Figures have been
published to show that subway
crime is up, and some at least
of the blame is being put on
the reduction of police as a
result of the city's financial
crisis.
So far this year there have
been at least four rapes on the
subway, four robberies in which
large numbers of passengers
were forced to hand over their
wallets on pain of being beaten
or stabbed, and many instances
of assault, and purse-snatching.
All this serves as a reminder
that although crime in a big
city such as New York is no
longer given quite the publicity
it did some years ago, the crime
rate has continued to rise. In
the subway, some stretches have
become well known as danger
zones because there is a long
gap between stations, and time
for a gang, often of youths, to
work their way through a
carriage, robbing the passen-
gers.

As a general rule, it is not a
good idea—particularly for a
woman—to get into an empty
carriage late at night. Even if
another passenger comes in, he
may well be afraid to help
someone being attacked because
the average New Yorker is not
the most courageous of people.
Earlier this month Mr
Sanford Garelick, the head of
the Transit Police, who have
responsibility for the subway,
gave a warning that crime
would grow worse unless he
was given more men. He
claimed to have reduced crime
since taking over nearly two
years ago, but said he was now
stretched to the limit.
Since then, Mr Garelick's
claims have been thoroughly
scrutinized and found not to
stand up too well. One of his
main actions was to shift the
police away from the trains
and make them watch the
streets—with the result that
thousands of people were
arrested trying to slip through
without paying. However, in
view of the robbery and
violence on the trains, the wis-
dom of his policy has been
questioned.

In fact, a few days ago he
was ordered to switch his men
back to the trains by Mr
Harold Fisher, head of the
Transit Authority. At the same
time, Mr Fisher and Mr
Abraham Beame, the mayor,
issued an appeal to policemen
and firemen to travel to work
on the subway, wearing their
uniform as a deterrent to
crime.
This too, seems a hardly
satisfactory solution since many
of them prefer to go by car.
The Daily News asked a
senior police officer what he
would do if his mother tele-
phoned him at eight o'clock one
evening and said she was com-
ing to see him by subway. His
reply, after a pause: "I would
tell her to stay right there and
I would be over to pick her
up."
Nobody denies the dangers
of subway travel, but possibly
they should not be given too
much emphasis. The New York
Post recently quoted Transit
Authority officials as saying
that the probability of being
murdered or raped in the sub-
way was considerably less than
in the streets above.

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Feb 22.—The Soviet
day issued a fresh
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mysterious radiation
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magazine Science
fr Goncharov said that
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surveillance equip-
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More riots in Sierra Leone likely

More violence is expected in
Sierra Leone, according to
recent visitors and information
from Freetown. Public opinion
is quite against President Siaka
Stevens's decision to call a
general election as an answer
to riots and petitions.
It is estimated that 36 people
were killed in the riots in
Freetown and at least 100
wounded by gunfire from the
Internal Security Unit. They
included students and school-
children, demanding Dr
Stevens's resignation.
The security forces are
accused of pursuing the injured
to hospitals and interrupting
the supply of blood plasma.
The election is to be held in
May. The present Parliament
consists of members of the
ruling All-people's Congress
only and it is doubtful whether
any opposition candidates will
be allowed to stand.

It is Mrs Gandhi versus the rest

Delhi, Feb 22.—India's oppo-
sition parties have mounted a
unified challenge to Mrs In-
dira Gandhi, the Prime Minis-
ter, for next month's general
election.
Final nomination lists
showed today that in nearly
540 parliamentary seats, but
almost two thirds of them are
independents.
The electoral alliance among
Mrs Gandhi's opponents fol-
lows her proclamation of
emergency rule 19 months ago.
In some 400 seats, the party
contest will be a straight fight
between the Congress Party
and the Janata (People's)
party, a grouping of the four
main non-congress opposition
parties. It is supported by

Congress Party has won every
one since independence 30
years ago without ever captur-
ing a majority of the popular
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The final list of candidates
showed today that there are
about 3,000 candidates for the
540 parliamentary seats, but
almost two thirds of them are
independents.
The electoral alliance among
Mrs Gandhi's opponents fol-
lows her proclamation of
emergency rule 19 months ago.
In some 400 seats, the party
contest will be a straight fight
between the Congress Party
and the Janata (People's)
party, a grouping of the four
main non-congress opposition
parties. It is supported by

Congress for Democracy, a
recent split-off from Mrs
Gandhi's supporters, and will,
in turn, support the Congress
for Democracy in 50 other
seats.
In most of the remaining
seats, both the Janata party
and Congress for Democracy
will support the anti-Moscow
Marxist Communist Party of
India or powerful regional
parties against the Congress
Party.
The Congress Party is con-
testing 492 seats itself and sup-
porting the Communist Party
of India and other smaller
groups in another 50 Congress
candidates have been declared
elected unopposed in two
seats.—Reuter.

Thai ex-leader 'does not want power'

Bangkok, Feb 22.—Field-
Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn,
the former Thai military ruler,
said today that he had no
ambitions to regain power in
the country. "I will do every-
thing in my capacity as an
ordinary citizen to help main-
tain our main institutions—the
nation, the religion and
monarchy," he told a press
conference.
Field-Marshal Thanom, who
left a Buddhist temple here
yesterday, after a stay of five
months, said he was willing to
give his support and advice to
anyone who supported "the
three principal institutions."
He fled to Singapore in
October, 1973. His return last
September to enter the priest-
hood set off student demon-
strations which culminated in
a military coup on October
6.—Reuter.

Offer of factory may halt slaughter of seals

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, Feb 22
A Swiss ecology campaigner,
Mr Franz Weber, leaves to-
morrow for St John's, New-
foundland, to meet fisher-
men's leaders and make them an offer
that he hopes will stop the
annual slaughter of baby seals.
The foundation that carries
his name is prepared to set up
a synthetic fur factory in New-
foundland and guarantee export
outlets for its production if
professional hunters among the
fishermen will stop the
slaughter of the baby seals
which threatens the extirpation
of the species. The hunting
season opens on March 12.
By the sale of liferize baby
seals in toy shops, the founda-
tion has raised more than 1m
Swiss francs (£280,000). It is
campaigning in West Germany,
the main market for sealskin, to

persuade people to change their
dress tastes.
Arctic protest: British animal
lovers will fly to the Arctic to
try to save some of the baby
seals. Twenty-four members of
the Green Peace Foundation, a
conservation group, will attempt
to stop the hunters from club-
bing the seals to death.
Mr Alan Thornton, a spokes-
man for the foundation, said
yesterday: "This season more
than 185,000 seals will be
brutally slaughtered, 15,000 seal
pups a day. If the killing is
allowed to go on these seals
will be extinct within 10 years."
Last year thousands of people
donated cash to send the Cana-
dian-based Green Peace mem-
bers to the Arctic. They stood
in front of the hunters' shops,
tried to talk to them, then put
themselves between the hunters
and the seals.

ma begins search for er road to socialism

Correspondent
Feb 22
Third congress of
ruling Socialist Pro-
Party (BSPP), which
here eight months
schedule, will have as
its main topics the
third four-year econo-
m. It will also discuss
lements to the party
ion.
rly holding of the con-
the result of Burma's
political, economic

and social situation. It was felt
unwise to wait until October.
At last year's congress, Presi-
dent U Ne Win, the party
chairman, said the BSPP
should determine whether ar-
ticle 135 of the party constitu-
tion should be amended. This
article says the congress has
the right to make amendments
to strengthen the *lanzhi* (the
country's socialist programme).
The President said at the
time: "We do not look upon
our ideology as final and com-
plete."

unsel clash at Tokyo bribes trial

Feb 22.—The presi-
ent at the Lockheed bri-
ial today rejected the
by Kakuei Tanaka,
mer Prime Minister,
codefendants that large
the prosecution's cast
gally inadmissible.
Mr Tanaka's repre-
sents Enomoto, his
y, and three officials
Marubeni Corporation
which the bribes were
to have been
led—Hiro-
ru Okabe and Hiroshi
for a revision or
on of the prosecution's
exchange and trade control
laws.
Mr Tanaka is accused of
having accepted a 500m yen
(£1m) pay-off to help to sell
the Lockheed Tristar to All
Nippon Airways, while he was
in office between 1973 and
1974.
The prosecution said today
that it would present as evi-
dence sworn statements by Mr
Carl Koichian, former vice
chairman of Lockheed, and
two former company officials,
Mr John Clutter and Mr A. H.
Elliott.
Mr Tanaka's counsel told the
court today: "All allegations
made by the prosecution in its
opening statement are contrary
to the truth and we refute
them completely."

Pastor among 10 arrested in South Korea

Seoul, Feb 22.—The South
Korean police today announced
the arrest of 10 persons, includ-
ing two journalists and a
church pastor, on charges of
violating the emergency decree
banning anti-government activi-
ties.
Mr Yoo Kun Soo, the former
managing editor of the now
defunct provincial *Taegu Daily*
News, Mr Yoon Dai Jong, a
reporter on *Kyungnyang*, a
Seoul daily, and Pastor Kang
Kong Ik, of the Korean Jehovah's
Church, were among those
arrested.
They were said to have fabri-
cated and disseminated false
rumours

Mr Ehrlichman loses plea to Supreme Court

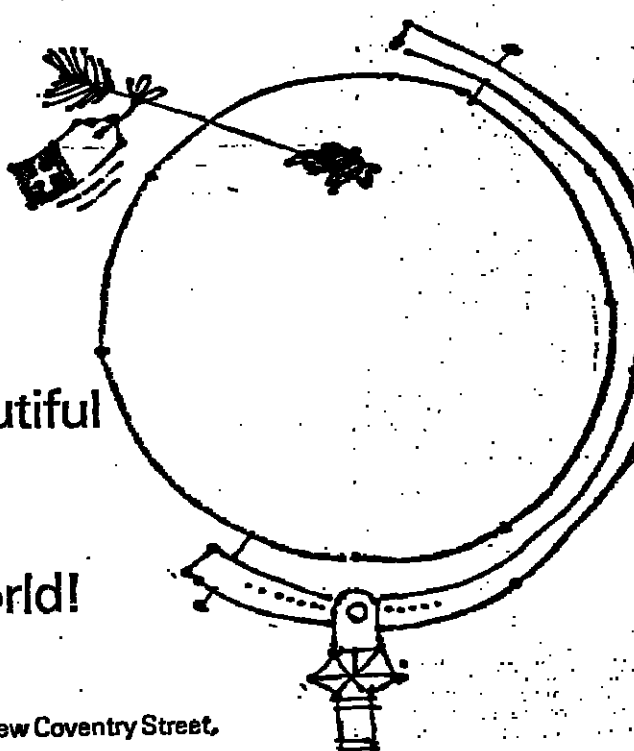
Washington, Feb 22.—The
Supreme Court refused today to
review Mr John Ehrlichman's
conviction of conspiracy and
perjury in connection with the
1971 burglary of the office of
Mr Daniel Ellsberg's psychia-
trist.
The court let stand a decision
by the Circuit Court of
Appeals in Washington that Mr
Ehrlichman, a senior White
House aide under President
Nixon, was rightly convicted.
Mr Ehrlichman told the
judges that the break-in "was
conducted for the purpose of
gathering foreign intelligence
information" and therefore was
legal.—AP.

Republican constitution adopted in Afghanistan

Kabul, Feb 22.—The Grand
Assembly (Loya-Jirga) of
Afghan tribes has adopted the
Afghan Republic's first con-
stitution, but which many ob-
servers consider to be less liberal
than the old Royal Constitution.
The assembly, part nominated
by the Government, part by
popular assemblies, made few
alterations to the draft consti-
tution submitted to it on Jan-
uary 31 by President Daud. The
text adopted stipulates a strong
executive embodied in the Pre-
sident and two assemblies with
limited powers.
President Daud will have the
right to appoint more rep-
resentatives to the Loya-Jirga
than did King Zahir Shah under
the 1964 constitution.
The first legislative elections
will not be held before 1979, so
between now and then the pre-
sent Government will deal with
national affairs. The Loya-

Quebec Premier 'not criminally to blame' for death

Montreal, Feb 22.—A cor-
oner has ruled that Mr René
Levesque, the Quebec Prime
Minister, was not criminally
responsible for killing a pedes-
trian while driving before
dawn here on February 6.
Mr Maurice Laniel said no
public inquest would be held
as the victim, Mr Edgar Trot-
tier, aged 62, was "unavoid-
ably killed."
The coroner said Mr Trot-
tier's blood alcohol level at
death was 0.225 per cent.
Breath analysis tests for
drivers usually set 0.08 per
cent as the maximum allowable
level.
Officials at Queen Mary
Veterans' Hospital have said
that less than half an hour
before the accident, they called
police to evict Mr Trottier
because he was drunk and was
causing a disturbance.—Reuter.



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SPORT
Football
Clough and Taylor turn Derby down

Brian Clough, unpredictable as ever, has decided that his future is with Nottingham Forest. Despite the confidence of George Hardy, Derby County's vice-chairman, that he had persuaded Clough and assistant Peter Taylor, to return to the Baseball Ground three and a half years after their acrimonious departure, Forest won the battle at a four-hour meeting yesterday.

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Crystal Palace maintain promotion drive

Crystal Palace held off a determined challenge by Portsmouth in their promotion drive.

Potts to manage Burnley for the second time

Harry Potts took over as manager of Burnley yesterday for the second time.



Little (right) scores the first of his three goals at Highbury last night.

Villa find the way to Wembley as Rangers seek spiteful redress

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent
Aston Villa will make their fifth appearance in a Football League Cup final when they play Everton at Wembley on March 12. In order to be able to claim that record, they have had to prove themselves many times, but probably never as ardently or skillfully as in their three semi-final meetings with Queens Park Rangers.

Roker Park crowd now believe in miracles

Every night is a miracle night at Sunderland these days. The equable, placid temperament of Jimmy Adamson is much needed just now to balance the manic-depressive mood of the Roker faithful.

Boxing
Green sets up big match with Stracey

Dave Green, of Chatteris, the British and European welterweight champion, secured his 550,000th match with John Stracey at Wembley last night.

Boxing
England may have big share of Lions party

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
The start of the season for the British and Irish Lions was not, perhaps, more than three or four England players who seemed strong contenders for the Lions tour of New Zealand.

Boxing
Scotland overlook defects for French encounter

By Richard Streeton
Scotland's rugby selectors yesterday resigned to the fact that they had to make do with the side which beat Ireland on Saturday.

Boxing
Tour party includes Dixon

Oxford University RFC have named 20 players with two more places still to be filled, for their five-match tour of Japan and Hong Kong.

Motor racing
Hunt's title chances hit by crash in new car

Johannesburg, Feb. 22—Ja Hunt, the world motor racing champion, walked away unscathed from a 100 mph crash at Kyalami track near here today.

Rowing
Dangerous river rules out Torpids races

By Jim Rallison
The Oxford University Torpids races were scheduled to start today but have been postponed by Paul Wright, secretary of Oxford University boat club.

Rowing
Cambridge Lens

The starting order for the Cambridge Lens is as follows: 1. Lady Margaret, 2. Jesus, 3. St. John's, 4. St. Peter's, 5. St. Paul's, 6. St. Andrew's, 7. St. David's, 8. St. George's, 9. St. James's, 10. St. John's, 11. St. Peter's, 12. St. Paul's, 13. St. Andrew's, 14. St. David's, 15. St. George's, 16. St. James's, 17. St. John's, 18. St. Peter's, 19. St. Paul's, 20. St. Andrew's, 21. St. David's, 22. St. George's, 23. St. James's, 24. St. John's, 25. St. Peter's, 26. St. Paul's, 27. St. Andrew's, 28. St. David's, 29. St. George's, 30. St. James's, 31. St. John's, 32. St. Peter's, 33. St. Paul's, 34. St. Andrew's, 35. St. David's, 36. St. George's, 37. St. James's, 38. St. John's, 39. St. Peter's, 40. St. Paul's, 41. St. Andrew's, 42. St. David's, 43. St. George's, 44. St. James's, 45. St. John's, 46. St. Peter's, 47. St. Paul's, 48. St. Andrew's, 49. St. David's, 50. St. George's, 51. St. James's, 52. St. John's, 53. St. Peter's, 54. St. Paul's, 55. St. Andrew's, 56. St. David's, 57. 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F.D. Hardy: The Dismayed Artist

Keeping the picture alive Paddy Kitchen

Just before visiting the exhibition of Victorian genre paintings by The Cranbrook Colony at Wolverhampton Central Art Gallery, I read in *The New Review* a conversation between David Hockney and R. B. Kitaj in which they discuss the case for a general return to figurative painting. According to them "the concept of the avant-garde is just about collapsing, but it will be some time before the non-practitioners in the art world the critics and curators, feel able to forfeit the intellectual investment they have placed in all the new alternatives: conceptual art, happenings, colour field painting, etc. According to Hockney and Kitaj, the artists will be less rigid. No doubt many artists will take exception to this, having no wish to return to figurative painting; and many non-practitioners who never lost enthusiasm for it, and have said so, will raise an eyebrow. Nevertheless, this conversation between two prominent painters is of considerable interest: artists do not often talk candidly of their profession in public.

With the confidence of success, these two underline their candour with a visual parallel: they appear unclad (apart from Kitaj's mini-skirt, socks and shoes, and Hockney's spectacles) on the cover of the magazine. To the members of the Cranbrook Colony, painting

homely scenes in Kent in the second half of the nineteenth century, the circulation of such a revealing self-image would have been unthinkable. Indeed, one of their number, J. C. Hockney, when Rector of the Royal Academy, campaigned against the use of naked models, and became known as "Clothes-Hockney".

But if their circumspect middle-class life sounds a little dull, playing croquet, attending to family parties, walking on the Weald—at least their social relevance was unquestioned, a fact which many artists today might envy. There was a central core of five painters, linked through friendship to Hockney and Kitaj, the artists will be less rigid. No doubt many artists will take exception to this, having no wish to return to figurative painting; and many non-practitioners who never lost enthusiasm for it, and have said so, will raise an eyebrow. Nevertheless, this conversation between two prominent painters is of considerable interest: artists do not often talk candidly of their profession in public.

Strongly influenced by Dutch painting, their interiors in which people sew, play, and hold family gatherings, also present a slice of domestic social history. Those long-rooted radishes on the tea table in

F.D. Hardy's *Baby's Birthday*—I don't recall seeing them in recent seed catalogues; and the breaking-up and mixing of whitewash in his *The Dismayed Artist* brought back a forgotten era of simple interior decoration. This last painting also tells us about the relationship between the citizens of Cranbrook and the artists, since it shows Hardy coming into a cottage to continue a study of its interior, to find the wife and three children in the process of transforming it with whitewash.

What is left out of the Hockney/Kitaj discussion is any sense of what 1977 figurative painting might specifically be about, other than the "renewed depiction of people" and the inclusion of personal feeling. Kitaj puts down Francis Bacon: "What are people going to think a hundred years from now about these figures that look like Quasimodo?" However, Bacon produces images that find strong responses in audiences which have not been affected in ways they cannot name, by wars, psychological discoveries, and urban enclosures. But, like Blake, he is not a painter who can profitably be imitated.

There is no way that painting can return to Cranbrook Colony-type depiction; nor, indeed, any wish that there could be. Apart from anything else, they only intermittently showed convincing artistic strength. But is there not room for painting

South Seas mumble

Perry Como's Hawaiian Holiday BBC 2

Alan Coren

In as charitable an act of programme planning as I have come across in many an exophthalmic year, the BBC on Monday slotted Perry Como's *Hawaiian Holiday* between *Diary of a Village* and *Headmaster*, two home-grown products that concern themselves with, widely the rural and urban disorder of contemporary Britain. In the village, the church roof is falling on embittered men picking their way between uncontrollable cowpats, and in *Headmaster* the school the curators of the next generation are tearing one another's throats out. But, lest self-pity at his declining lot reduced the viewing Briton to ruin, in stepped the BBC with the timely message that there's always someone worse off than you. You could, after all, be in Hawaii with Perry Como.

Perry Como, was; and a grisly experience it must have been for this maturing ex-Huggett to stand by while Mr

Como, in orange pyjamas gaily more awake than was, stumbled about might well have been the hibiscus of the Hilton. All the life they breathe mumbled such rap as billy as "Flowers here grow right out of the ground. From time to time, springs would creep up, thus allowing a deliver such lines like palm-tree sighs I love before anyone had time screaming into the sea.

The sea did enter in proceedings, however, as could it not when the activity of Hawaii is pinging to row an outrigger and mime to imbedic. That there were depths beyond that to be pl became evident when Mr and Miss Clark fell off canoe and sank, only to the viewer of this brief revealing themselves to unburied as to be able a duet about the octopus loam from several fathoms. If you have ever why tropical fish have permanently surprised their eyes, wonder no they know what a prod like this costs to mount.

Oh No, It's Selwyn Froggitt Yorkshire TV

Stanley Reynolds

Bill Maynard is one of those agile far men, like Oliver Hardy. Of course he does not possess the comic gifts of Oliver Hardy, but the world is full of small, knockabout comedians—Norman Wisdom, Chaplin, Stan Laurel himself—and there is an aesthetic pleasure in watching a big man like Mr Maynard doing the pratfalls and nose-dives. Maybe it is not the stuff of divine comedy but it does make a change.

To the bulk, Mr Maynard, as Selwyn Froggitt, has rather cleverly added the desperate, matey grin of a shy man and also a slight stammer, a hesitation in speech at least, which one usually associates with intellectuals. Those are Selwyn Froggitt's tricks. Every few minutes Selwyn Froggitt in the end resembles and sounds like most of all is perhaps a Yorkshire Yogi Berra. And that is not a bad thing either.

The start of Yorkshire TV's *Oh No, It's Selwyn Froggitt* series on Monday had Mr Maynard doing his usual walking

disaster routine, falling at himself and things, then about, grinning from ear to ear and all the while trying make the thoughts spiral round in his hyperactive speech, as his lips in some resembling meaningless sentences. They never quite.

As head of the concert mince of the local women's club Selwyn Froggitt expecting a visit from the radio station. The station sending a researcher to find the club's sports and good enough to go on. For some reason, which I'm not quite discover, Selwyn carried the notion that this was a cover-up and that was actually going to Eamonn Andrews, who had been bucked under his ar announce "Selwyn Froggitt this is your life".

Selwyn proceeded to see everywhere to his appearance on *This Is Life*. The best comedy, ever, was during the sports with the now near-mad Selwyn trying to run the quiz pool while nervously looking over shoulder waiting for Eamonn.

The episode, called *De Hope*, was a cruel but fully done joke by Alan P. Maynard was the pt tool.

Alfred Brendel Queen Elizabeth Hall

William Mann

It was almost inevitable that the cycle of all Beethoven's 32 piano sonatas, with which Alfred Brendel has been enlightening London during this dark, inclement winter, would end with Op 111 in C minor, the last sonata of all. Less predictable was his decision to preface that intellectually and spiritually taxing work with no fewer than four other sonatas: foolhardy, one might have presumed, but Brendel remained tireless to the end, never sparing his loyalty to the composer nor his mental and physical concentration.

To the schoolroom G-major sonata, Op 49 no 2 (the one with the minuet drafted into the Septet), he brought a civilized poise and a sense of humour that young piano students would readily appreciate but hardly ever think of injecting into the music. He early fortepiano, quality of keyboard tone, in marked contrast to the aqueous fluidity which had been a feature of Op 22 in B flat in the preceding performance, a lovely foil to the agile bravura and deep tenderness more obviously required by the work.

"Les Adieux" is again a brilliant virtuoso piece, as Brendel

left no doubt; but the quality of his reading on day was affectionate, too, in equally relevant "characteristic" sonata c partura, absent regret and full homecoming. There also the treasurable Op no 1 in E flat, comp to the Moonlight. So arguably even richer in its fantasy, especially last night's interpretation did regret Brendel's insist on starting trials with the note, and observed with a surprised that he ign one contrast of piano

Opus 111, ever so much energy and scrupulous insight a reading in a throw. It had all the qualities which Brendel has been pr in this Beethoven cycle: repose, freshness of approach, familiarity masterstrokes, a ing range of keyboard control, the delicate, unrelenting unwillingness to their end, ceases to have any means special powers to convey gradual apotheosis of his imagination. Brendel wo the miracle as if it had been achieved before, inas as to think back to Mozart, further, a lovely foil to the agile bravura and deep tenderness more obviously required by the work.

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Capricorn Wigmore Hall

Paul Griffiths

New music from Hungary formed the main part of Monday's recital by the chamber ensemble, Capricorn, with pieces by Bartok and Kodaly as windows into the past. Bartok's music is usually counted the point of departure for composers of the Hungarian official avant garde, and it was revealing to hear his *Contrasts* for clarinet, violin and piano in the company of similarly scored works by Laszlo Szary, Sopro and Istvan Leng, even if the revelation was one of decline.

All three composers have learnt well from their more prominent western contemporaries, and all three can create pleasing or arresting sounds. Sopro's *Musica da camera* No 2, for instance, specially written for this concert, was never less than attractive, particularly when it came to picturing wave shapes in the third and last movement. The first movement

There was much to add in the professionalism of score, as there was again *Les Rhymes*, which was posed five years ago at Fires of London. But it works, showed little sign. Brendel's formal intelligence survived in the new Hungary music, or his taste for adture, or his passion.

Those qualities were more evidence, a little more in deuce, in Sander Bala *Antimonia* for soprano, clarinet and cello. The program by the soprano, while keeping a pair of terse, e-matic settings, reacting well their quick drama. She was at home in four unimpaired songs by Kodaly.

Of the instrumentalists, clarinetist Anthony proved himself a player of a supple sense of rhythm, as then clarinetist Julia Daw Lyell, the pianist of the group provided both a sensitive and a firm anchor.

Appeal for new Scots concert hall

The flautist James Galway is to give his services free at a concert in aid of the Scottish Philharmonic Society's appeal for a new concert hall for the Scottish Chamber Orchestra and the Scottish Baroque Ensemble. The concert will be in Leith Town Hall on March 8. The programme by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Roderick Brydon, consists of two Mozart flute concertos, K 313 and 314, the Rossini overture, *La Scala di Sette* and the Suite, *The Gods Go Begging*, arranged by Sir Thomas Beecham from music by Handel.

McTell/Williams charity concert

Ralph McTell and John Williams will join forces in a concert at the New London Theatre on March 13 at 7.30 pm. proceeds will go to the Child Solidarity Campaign, who are raising funds for the children displaced since military junta took over. Tickets are not available from the box office until day, but can be obtained from Collects Folk Shop, 150 Shaftesbury Avenue, and The C Solidarity Campaign, 129 St Sisters Road, N7.

Ludlow Fair King's Head

Ned Chaillet

It was in the legendary and now defunct Caffe Cino in New York that Lanford Wilson's short play *Ludlow Fair* was first produced. That this aging apprentice piece should appear professionally in London before his acclaimed *The Hot L Baltimore* is probably a matter of economics, but it is not likely to encourage much further exploration of his writing.

Taking its title from a line in A. E. Housman's poem "A Shropshire Lad", the play also takes a mood of fatalistic optimism from the poem. But where the poem sings of Ludlow beer and sleep in "lovely muck" before the morning sky reveals the same old world, Wilson's vignette covers only the suspended moment between pleasure, disappointment and the beginning of "the game anew".

Instead of a Shropshire lad,

Wilson provides two flat-sharing women in New York, only one of whom, Rachel (Robyn Evans) is said to have been to the fair. Doubting her own sanity, frantically self-administering a word-association test and creating an instantaneous Korschak ink-blot, she is dismayed at having lost her sixth lover in nine months.

Moreover, she herself has sent him to prison for robbing her of \$438 and her intimate relationship had failed to reveal to her that he was a bank robber. She assails her roommate Agnes (Mollie Gifford) with her doubts, finally narrowing herself to sleep while Agnes munches peanut brittle, daubs on face cream and complains that Rachel has "gone through six men while I sit around and turn to fungus".

There is clowning in the dialogue that never surfaces in the playing. Although Rachel complains that she asked for sympathy and got "20 minutes of Charlie Chaplin", the audience never gets Chaplin. At most, Agnes provides reassurance and the cue for the end. Housman. Without the humour, and the command of American accents the play requires, *Ludlow Fair* makes for a mordant lunchtime.

Royce Furber's direction sets the play on a single note of anxiety for too long; occasionally he varies the mood to encompass frustration, but it is not enough. The challenge is in the playing of the most presented Freylin's songs, after the performance. The play's sole moment of equivalent imagery comes at the end, when Agnes looks silently towards the audience, her face covered in cold cream, a mournful clown kept away from the fair.



Viadek Sheybal and Lindsay Kemp

Still the old magic

Salome Round House

Irving Wardle

The power of Wilde's tawdry schoolboy French melodrama to arouse such artists as Beardsley and Richard Strauss has always baffled me, but what ever its secret, Lindsay Kemp's new version shows the old magic still working as well as ever.

This is surely the *Salome* of Wilde's dreams, if only he had had modern stage technology and a pliable censor at his disposal. In an atmosphere of smoke and incense you sit through half an hour of barbaric drumming as gilded boys in Babylonian sporrans glide in bearing flaming urns and scattering the audience with feathers plucked from the wings of Jokanaan, pictured as an angel brought down by Herod's archers. Herodias brings back the Incredible Orlando as a cross-dresser's head with monstrous breasts springing out of her transparent black regalia from which a dove and a live snake are extracted on her ceremonial descent of the drawbridge concealing the imprisoned prophet.

So far as costume and music are concerned, Gill Hebdon and Andrew Wilson combine to dazzle and stun the senses. As for Wilde's text, switching from variety between French and English, the production at least succeeds in reinforcing its pal-

New Athol Fugard film on BBC television

Athol Fugard, the South African playwright, is the author and star of *The Guest at Steenkampskraal*, a new feature film which is to be given its world premiere on BBC 2 on Saturday, March 5. The film, directed by Ross Devenish, who also directed the feature film of Fugard's *Boesman and Lena*, is based on an incident in the life of the South African poet, naturalist and anthropologist Eugene Marais (played by Athol Fugard).

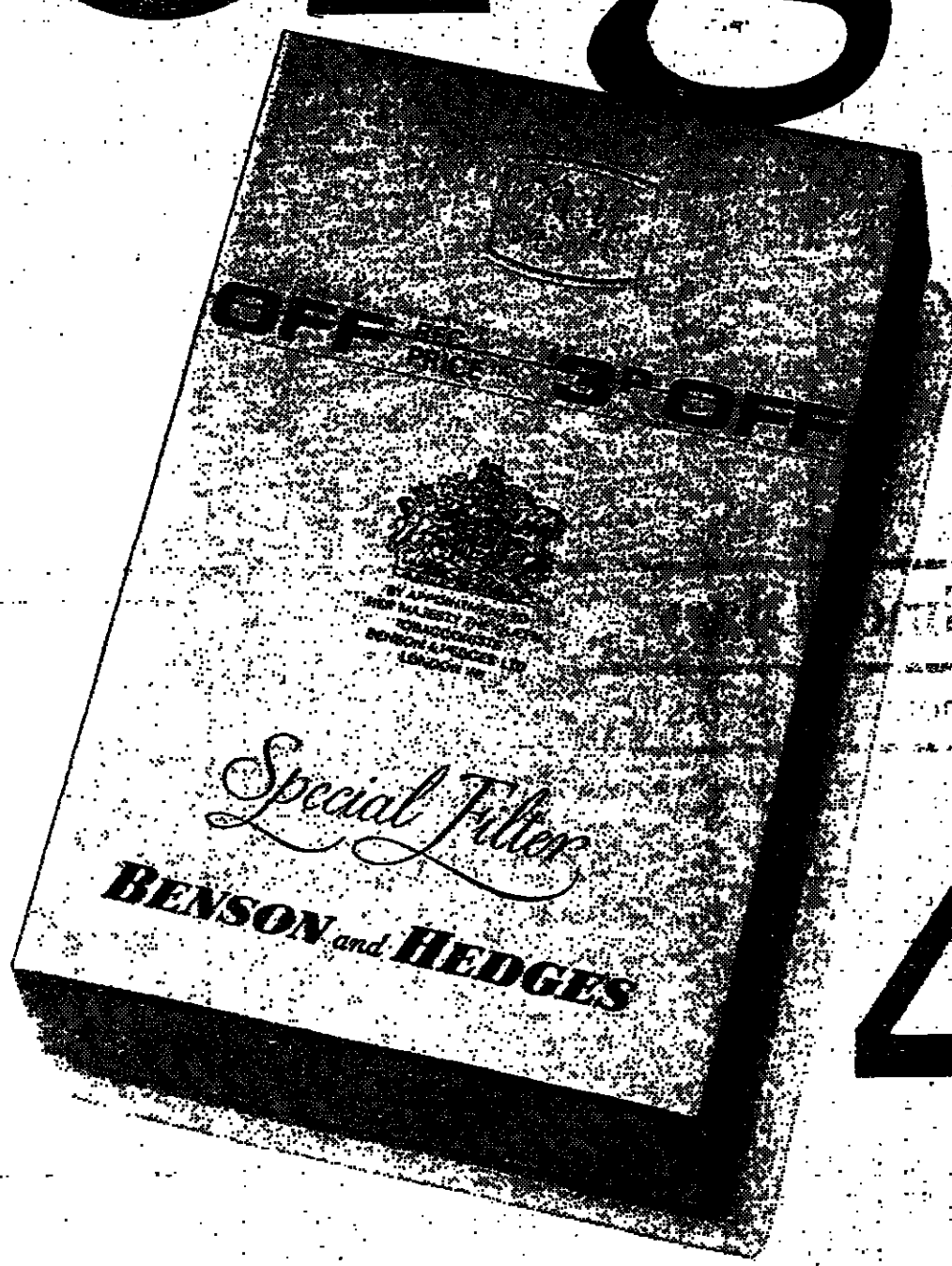
The Guest at Steenkampskraal, filmed on location in South Africa, is about a nine-month experiment in which Marais made a last despairing attempt to cure himself of his morbidness by a farm retreat in the Transvaal. It is also a tribute to this neglected man, who is considered the founder of Afrikaans literature.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

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Yland's chief executive, Mr. Derek Cars, has warned that the company's future depends on its ability to secure a new manufacturing plant. He said that the company's current plant is "out of the question" and that the company must find a new site "as soon as possible".

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Ministers prepare Paris meeting to set scene for seven-nation economic talks in London April date likely for summit curtain-raiser

By David Blake
Economics Correspondent

Preparations are now nearly complete for a meeting of senior ministers from all of the world's major industrial nations to lay the groundwork for the world economic summit to be held in London in early May.

April 14 and 15 seem to be the days likely for the preliminary meeting, which will be held at the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Officials in a number of national capitals are now expecting that the OECD ministerial session will be brought forward this year from June to April, which would mean that the summit could be held in London in early May.

November 1975 and in Puerto Rico in June 1976.

At their April meeting, the ministers are likely to study reports on the outlook for the western economies in the medium term with a view to suggesting ways of coping with the recession, which is now well established as the deepest and most persistent since the war.

The session will provide an opportunity for all of the countries of the west to put across their points of view rather than restricting attendance to France, Germany, Canada, Italy, Japan, the United States and the United Kingdom, which are the regular attendees at economic summit meetings.

Some Administration officials have suggested that the Germans and Japanese should both try to get their domestic economies growing something like 2 percentage points faster than now seems likely while others have called for a 10 per cent revaluation of the yen and the Deutsche Mark.

Both suggestions are aimed at dealing with a situation where one recent respected study suggested that Germany, Japan, Switzerland and the Netherlands would have a collective balance of payments surplus of \$8,000m in 1977 compared with a \$3,000m deficit if they were accepting their share of the West's trade deficit.

States intends to press its view, and how hard the Germans and Japanese will resist, could come next week at a session of the OECD's Economic Policy Committee, a sign of the importance being attached to this meeting by the United States is that Mr. Charles Schultz, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, is expected to attend.

The meeting could provide the first indication of the extent to which the United States is prepared to lobby to bring the other two members of the "Big Three" round to its point of view that more needs to be done to end the recession.

Racal move gives hint of bid battle for Ultra

By Desmond Quigley

Dougherty Group's bid for Racal Electronic Holdings took a new turn yesterday when Racal Electronics announced that it had acquired a stake of more than 10 per cent in Ultra.

With the prospect of a contested bid and several candidates apart from Racal being mentioned in the stock market, Ultra's share price jumped another 27p yesterday to 175p.

The shares are now standing nearly 25p above the effective cash value of Dowry's offer and 100p above the opening price last Thursday.

British Petroleum may join ICI in building second ethylene cracker

By Roger Vielvoe
Energy Correspondent

British Petroleum and ICI may enter a new joint venture to build a second ethylene cracker, this time at BP's petrochemical complex at Grange-mouth Central Region, Scotland.

The two companies are already involved in the construction of an ethylene cracker at ICI's Milton works on Teesside which is due to begin operations early next year. A 155-mile-long pipeline is also under construction to link the Wilton cracker with BP's other petrochemical operations at Grange-mouth.

Stanlow plant and a new green-field site at Moss Moran in Scotland for Esso.

Timing, size and construction of the fourth will depend on the final results of the government study of a proposed gas gathering pipeline network in the North Sea.

The possibility of a third party entering a partnership at Grange-mouth cannot be ruled out in the preliminary planning of the expansion at the Scottish complex. BP Chemicals is expected to spend £90m on developing.

take place, it is assumed within the company it will centre on products where BP is already a major producer, such as acrylonitrile (for synthetic fibres); ethanol (for solvents and processing fluids); high density polyethylenes, and propylene.

Construction of a new ethylene cracker at Grange-mouth would strengthen the small but growing petrochemical pipeline grid and give the Grange-mouth and Wilton plants more flexibility in the operation and servicing flow through the 10-inch diameter pipeline.

City opens campaign against Bullock on threat to fund-raising

By Christopher Wilkins

A City effort is being launched to convince the Government that the introduction of the Bullock Committee majority report on industrial democracy would create serious capital raising problems for many companies.

Representatives of all the leading suppliers of finance for industry are beginning a campaign to persuade ministers that capital will become either more difficult or more expensive to obtain, or both, if 50 per cent of boards are to comprise worker-directors as recommended by Bullock.



Sir Eric Faulkner yesterday: banks might reappraise their lending facilities.

The campaign got under way yesterday with the publication by a top clearing banker, a merchant banker and an institutional investor of the evidence they gave to the Bullock Committee last year, but which they feel was completely ignored.

They are Sir Eric Faulkner, chairman of Lloyd's Bank, Mr. Ian Fraser, deputy chairman of City of London, and Mr. Peter Moody, joint secretary and investment manager of the Prudential Assurance. They were invited to give evidence to the Bullock Committee respectively as experts in the provision of short-term loans and as debenture capital and equity finance.

to make similar representations to Ministers.

Insurance companies, through the British Insurance Association and the Life Offices Association, are also preparing anti-Bullock submissions which are expected to be ready in about a month.

Sir Eric Faulkner, in his evidence, argued that banks would reappraise their lending facilities if they detected a lack of confidence between the board and management of a company. Such a situation might arise if a blocking vote as experts in the provision of short-term loans and as debenture capital and equity finance.

Brazil accused over coffee prices

By Wallace Jackson
Commodities Editor

Coffee prices fell back sharply in the London market yesterday on reports that a United States Congressional hearing on coffee prices produced copies of internal cables between the State Department and the United States embassy in Rio de Janeiro.

He said that the cables disclosed that the Brazilian Government had been conducting a deliberate, pervasive campaign to inflate and maintain coffee prices artificially at record levels.

dropped £62.50 per tonne to £321.50. Earlier in the day prices had risen.

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The chief weapon had been Brazil's exorbitant and ever-increasing coffee export tax which only last week reached an all-time high of 85 cents per lb, he said.

sh stimulus in Carter Budget

Vogel
Feb 22

Carter today sent budget proposals to Congress. They involve all spending and a projected deficit than Budget announced by Administration in 1976.

Carter's 1978 budget provides further stimulus to the economy, besides monetary measures announced. The new budget is now forecasted to increase output of goods in the United States by about 6 per cent in 1978 and 5 per cent in 1979.

judger sharply illustrated differences between Administration's predecessor, President Ford, and President Carter's new administration.

defence programme proposed by President Ford. It also includes a one year delay, to early 1978, in the start of a \$300m loan programme to Portugal.

However, the Budget includes a \$458m increase to \$1,786m in the next fiscal year's security supporting assistance programme to the Middle East. It includes \$631m more for development aid.

The inclusion of the already announced economic stimulus and the new programmes announced today will add \$19,400m to the spending total proposed by the previous Administration. Total outlays in the fiscal year starting October 1 are \$459,373m.

but the 1978 deficit is seen as being in line with the deficit in 1975 at 22.4 per cent of total GNP.

Mr. Bert Lance, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, stressed at a press conference that the Administration was determined to produce a balanced Budget by 1981. This would be achieved by ensuring faster economic growth, by reorganizing the government, by introducing zero-based budgeting techniques and reforming the tax system.

Mr. Michael Blumenthal, Secretary of the Treasury, said that faster economic growth was vital.

Mr. Blumenthal and Mr. Charles Schultz, the chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, both asserted that the Budget would not lead to higher inflation. Mr. Schultz said that the underlying rate of inflation was likely to hold to 5 to 6 per cent per year.

Mr. Blumenthal said the Administration was working now on plans for an anti-inflation programme that would involve specific target rates.

Congress is likely to accept most of the proposals in today's Budget.

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Canada \$	1.80	1.75
Denmark Kr	10.40	10.00
Finland Mkt	6.70	6.45
France Fr	8.72	8.40
Germany Dm	4.25	4.00
Greece Dr	6.00	5.80
Hongkong \$	8.15	7.70
Italy Lira	155.00	151.00
Japan Yen	505.00	480.00
Netherlands Gld	4.42	4.20
Norway Kr	9.28	8.92
Portugal Esc	88.00	84.50
S Africa R	3.95	3.80
Spain Pes	121.00	112.50
Sweden Kr	7.50	7.15
Switzerland Fr	4.44	4.22
Yugoslavia Dnr	35.80	32.50

White House upsets banks

From Our United States Economics Correspondent
Washington, Feb 22

President Carter plans to propose legislation that will enable the Federal Government to earn interest on the cash balances it maintains with private banks.

The new Budget, released today, states that this legislation will enable the Government to reduce its total interest payments on its outstanding debt. It notes that the Federal Government does not receive earnings on its cash balances and that upon enactment of the legislation it will pay the banks full costs of the services the banks now provide free of charge.

US pay and prices plan

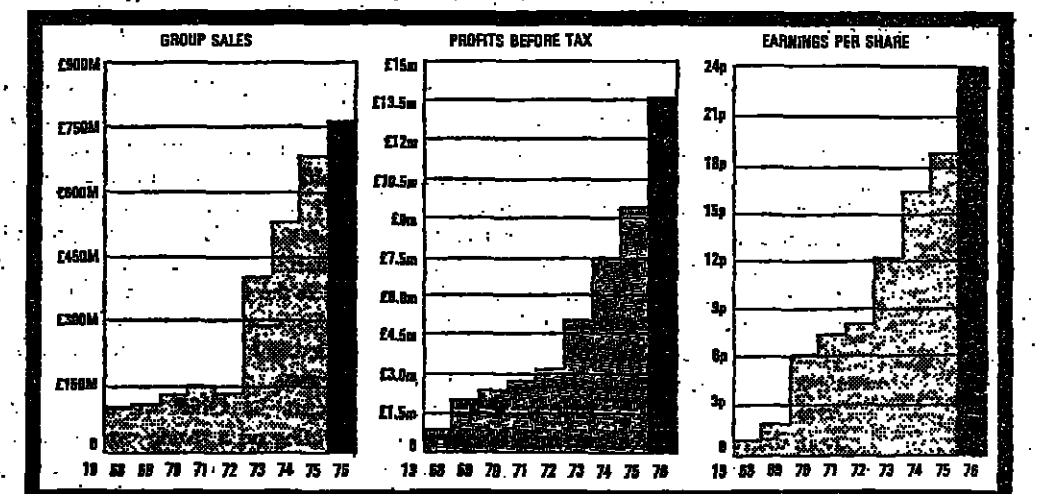
Washington, Feb 22

Proposals that would require leading companies and the chief United States trade unions to notify the Government of planned price and wage increases before they take effect are being drafted, a White House spokesman announced today.

He stressed that President Carter firmly rejected wage and price controls and had no intention of seeking any form of voluntary pay and price controls.

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- The year under review has maintained the unbroken progress of the Group over the last eleven years and previous record levels of turnover, profits and earnings per share have been comfortably exceeded.
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MPs' committee to look into £42.8m loss by Chrysler UK

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fact that liquidity was £9m last year, the £20m rights but financing a higher price and spending on new facilities. But the shares could be more interest. It is 54 times latest earnings, yielding nearly 8 per cent as good a price as any other.

The five year "yearling" is fairly rare instrument—the last was put out a year ago—and Coventry has issued only 10 of it. Finding a buyer for it has through the secondary markets will undoubtedly take more doing than dealing in the traditional one-year "yearling", although this is something which the financial institutions who took up the bulk of yesterday's issue have undoubtedly taken into account.

The CBI is alarmed at the uncertainties which would be introduced by the discretionary

The TUC for its part has naturally welcomed the Government's retention of much of the code and taking on additional powers of intervention. The only issue that might bring

thing to reduce the bureaucratic overload on companies, although the CBI for one is suspending judgment until the Department of Prices produces a new version of the question paper which has to be com-

The retention of much of the price code is, of course, what the TUC insisted upon. Even if the consultations do nothing to meet some of the CBI's and the consortium's worst fears, the

At least the CBI has won the concession that Price Commission investigations will only be held in public if the company involved itself requests it.

The Falklands and the Argentine connexion

But it is the fact that the islands have had to rely on an unpredictable wool market which has placed their economy in jeopardy. Although the islanders are comparatively sheltered from the rest of the world, the wave of inflation

Waters of the antarctic convergence, according to the report, undoubtedly support large populations of fish—hake, croaker, blue whiting, and

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The return of Mrs Judith Hart from the back benches to the Ministry of Overseas Development should see that the public and MPs are given the facts about the Government's financial rescue of the Crown Agents organisation. It is now nearly two years since Mrs Hart set up an independent committee of inquiry into the circumstances which led to the request for Whitehall aid.

It was always Mrs Hart's intention that the findings would be published, but her departure from the Government prompted speculation that her successors, Reg Prentice and, more re-



running of the Crown Agents during the first of her three periods as sponsoring minister has been justified. The Fay re-

chain who fell from grace had, it is reported, peanuts shoved up their noses and custard pies thrown in their faces and were obliged to run backside

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Year ended 31st December	1976 £000's	1975 £000's
External Sales	12,302	9,882
Trading Profit	1,644	1,213
Profit before taxation	1,568	1,063
Profit after taxation	760	533
Expenditure on fixed assets	476	245
Depreciation	214	168
Return on Ordinary Shareholders Funds—profit before taxation	32.0%	23.8%
Earnings per Ordinary Share	8.21p	5.69p
Dividends per Ordinary Share		
Final	2.0p	1.41p
Interim	1.5p	0.44p
Dividend cover	2.35	3.08

Extracts from Statement by Mr. Alan Lloyd (Chairman)

- * Export sales have increased by almost 30%.
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Turnover	97,745	82,050
Trading Profit	6,735	4,806
Taxation	2,657	2,051
Dividends	249	226
Profit Retained	2,845	1,904
Earnings per Share	47.38p	32.89p
Dividend per Share	4.13p	3.76p
Net Tangible Assets per Share	353p	214p

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Main points from the Accounts and Statement by The Hon. David Montagu, the Chairman

- * Portfolio including net current assets up by 8% in year to 31st December, 1976, FT Actuaries All-share Index down by 3.4%.
- * Distributable income up 11.1% to 11.87p per share net, asset value up 16.1% to 240.3p.
- * Since formation of Company in late 1966 total assets have increased by 81%, FT Actuaries All-share Index by 63% and Unit-holder Index by 72.1%.
- * Compound annual rate of growth of Capital Share asset value (14%) and Income Share distribution (12%) both exceeded cost of living (11%) over this period.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

INCOME ACCOUNT				CAPITAL ACCOUNT			
Year ended 31st December	Gross Revenue	Amount Available for Distribution	Dividend per Income Share	Value of total Assets	Net Assets of Capital Shareholders	Asset value per Capital Share	
1975	609,802	272,063	10.66	10,839,966	5,277,478	206.3	
1976	679,492	302,990	11.87	11,697,970	6,145,475	240.3	

Annual General Meeting 12 noon, 21st March, 1977 Portman Hotel, W.1. Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, Hesketh House, Portman Square, London W1H 9JR.

NEW PRICES POLICY CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT

Extended investigatory role envisaged for Commission

The Government's powers to enforce a Price Code expire on July 31 and new legislation is necessary to allow price control to continue. The Government are not prepared to accept the demands from some sections of industry for the abandonment of price control on July 31. The Government consider that it is indispensable to maintain in force a control over prices if price policy is to continue to make its key contribution to solving our economic problems.

Price Commission

The Government propose that the Price Commission, established in 1973, should continue to be responsible for the operation of price policy. Sir Arthur Cockfield, who has served as Chairman since the inception of the Commission, announced last year, when he consented to the extension of his appointment, that he wished to leave the Commission on July 31, 1977. New members will also be appointed to the Commission.

Present policy

The prices policy at present in force consists of two distinct elements. The first centres upon the Price Code. The Code is a large body of rules applicable to all enterprises. Briefly described, the rules provide that all companies have to stay within profit levels typical of the period prior to control; and that manufacturing and service companies can increase their prices pro rata to the increase, since pre-control days, in certain allowable costs. There are

certain reliefs, notably geared to investment outlays.

Margin controls

Under the new legislation which they will ask Parliament to enact the Government propose to retain the powers to make and enforce a Price Code. They propose to use these powers to maintain the control over the net profit margins of manufacturing and service firms and the gross and net margins of distributors. Where reference levels set out in the Code are exceeded prices must be reduced.

The Price Code provisions relating to margin control, including the present investment relief and the provision made in last year's Code amendments for the retention of reference levels, will be maintained. Consideration will be given to providing for Current Cost Accounting (CCA) to be used for the margin control, once an accounting standard has been issued, by those firms which adopt it in their accounts.

Cost controls

The present cost control rules for manufacturing and service firms have become increasingly complicated and inflexible, and arbitrary and out-dated in their application to individual products. They have come to be regarded by some firms as an entitlement to price increases, and in some cases they can adversely affect efficiency and employment.

In the new policy the Government do not propose to continue with a control over price increases by reference to costs. This will be superseded by the new investigatory system described in the following section.

The second element in the existing price controls comprises the investigations undertaken by the Price Commission on references from the Secretary of State. These investigations are concerned with specific questions—the price of a product, the effect of a pricing practice, the consequences for prices of a particular distributive system.

The reference work is highly flexible. The terms of reference can be precisely tailored to the particular question to be investigated and the Price Commission can carry out the investigation with dispatch. The present investigatory system is that few specific powers are available to the Government to act on recommendations made by the Price Commission following its investigation. While useful results can be achieved on a voluntary basis by negotiation with the interests concerned, this is not sufficient.

The Government therefore propose to strengthen the investigatory system as a central part of the new policy. Their objective is to establish a strong but flexible instrument within their overall prices policy, providing a balance with the notifying manufacturing and



Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, at the press conference yesterday.

service firms. These firms would not be able to increase any other objectives of economic strategy, including the industrial strategy.

The Government's proposal is a policy of price control within which the Secretary of State would have well defined powers to act in the cases of price rises which are unreasonable or prices which are unjustified.

The chief characteristics of the new approach are:

- 1. All prices and all enterprises would come within the scope of the new policy, subject to certain exceptions to be specified by order (e.g. coal and steel prices). The number of exceptions would not be large.
- 2. The Price Commission would take on new functions.
- 3. The larger manufacturing and service companies would be required to continue to pre-notify their price increases (subject to exceptions similar to those applying under the present controls).
- 4. The Commission would select price increases for investigation and in these cases would make recommendations to the Secretary of State as to price increases which should be allowed.
- 5. The Secretary of State would have powers to act on the Commission's recommendations, subject to parliamentary procedure.
- 6. The Secretary of State would also have powers to order inquiries into prices and pricing practices and to act on recommendations, subject to parliamentary procedure.

Individual enterprises

The Price Commission would decide, by reference to published criteria (set out on this page) whether it wished to investigate a pre-notified price increase, the gross margin of a distributor who renders regular reports, or the prices or

margins of any other enterprise. Much of the Commission's work under this heading is expected to concern the price during the 28-day prior notice period. If the Commission decided on an investigation, the price which it was proposed to increase would remain frozen for three months (beginning from the date on which the investigation was announced).

The Commission would, however, be able to award an interim price increase and would be required to allow this in cases where the profit margin would otherwise be lower than the safeguard levels described below. The Secretary of State would be able to order the discontinuation of an investigation at any stage in the proceedings.

In its report the Price Commission would be required to give a precise recommendation concerning the proposed price increase. In the case of distributors, it is not possible to freeze all their prices, or a block of them. But the Commission's recommendations, arising from any investigation into an individual distributor, could relate to the gross margin obtained in the period

starting from the date on which the investigation began.

The Government propose that there should be safeguard levels below which the profit margins on the product (manufacturers and services) or on the business (distributors) may not be depressed as a result of any Order made by the Secretary of State following an investigation.

The new legislation would stipulate that the new Code must contain such safeguards. The safeguards would represent minimum acceptable profit margins and would not reflect any judgment as to what should be regarded as a reasonable level of profit for the purposes of the investigatory system.

The investigations would be totally different from the quasi-mechanical measurement of a proposed price increase against a collection of rules contained in a Code. They would take account of the particular conditions in the enterprise; they would not, as in the Code, regard cost increases as inevitable but could go into the reasons for and against them; and third parties would be able to put their views to the Commission. Part of the investigation might take the form of public hearings, if requested by the company.

The present Code provides a sanction against breaches of any pay policy currently operative. The proposed new prices policy would contain a similar provision.

General inquiries

The preceding section described the application of the proposed new policy to individual enterprises in manufacturing, services and distribution. In addition, and carrying forward the programme of general Price Commission investigations which has been running for a couple of years, the Secretary of State would have powers to require the Commission to investigate for example, the price of a product made or sold by several enterprises, prices in a sector or a prevailing pricing practice.

Like the investigations into individual enterprises those ordered by the Secretary of State would, where appropriate, go into costs and profits. The same criteria as would be used

for the individual investigation would guide both the investigation and the action in conducting it.

During such investigations the question of a price would not arise; and investigations would be limited to a period of months. The Price Code would be required to contain recommendations to the Secretary of State, and to pursue them with the companies concerned.

He would have powers to make orders relating and charges which from the Commission's recommendations or to access binding undertakings enterprises.

At this and other appropriate stages in the day-to-day operation of the investigatory system, the sponsoring department would be consulted. The provisions described would also apply to made following general inquiries.

Conclusion

The proposals in this document would maintain across the board. The relief companies rigidities of the present controls and the additional burden the latter would establish a regime in which price rises, which affect the of society, would be socially accountable.

Consultations

Comments on these proposals should be sent to the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection (Prices Division), 1 Victoria London SW1 0ET, to the Department not later than Friday, March 18, 1977. Detailed copies of this document can be obtained from the address. It should be noted that detailed proposals revised Price Code, would contain the margins and the safeguard levels to investigations, will be subject of further consultation before the Code is made statutory instrument under proposed new legislation.

Criteria call for a fair balance

The criteria would require the Price Commission and the Secretary of State to have regard to maintaining price levels which are equitable to consumers and remunerative to efficient manufacturers, distributors and providers of services. Among the relevant factors they would in particular have regard to:

- (a) Allowance for costs unavoidably incurred in the efficient supply of goods and services, taking account of the maintenance of the value of the business;
- (b) The encouragement of the reduction of costs by improving the use of resources, while ensuring that the consumer shares in the resulting benefits;
- (c) The earning of profits which give a real rate of return on capital employed sufficient to meet the cost of finance, including compensation for the business risk, and to sustain investment in expansion, innovation and technical improvement;
- (d) The maintenance of quality and the satisfaction of

changing consumer demands and services;

(e) The encouragement of competition as a means of price stability; or where competition is not practicable, the protection of the consumer against abuse of market power;

(f) The promotion of a balance between supply and demand and the avoidance of serious shortages, or effects on the balance of payments;

(g) The maintenance of a balance of the British world markets.

Business appointments

New director for Great Portland

Sir Andrew Carnwath has joined the board of Great Portland Estates as a non-executive director.

In preparation for his resignation from chief executive duties later this year, Mr. A. Victor Adey, chairman and managing director of Mercantile Credit, will resign as managing director from April 1. He will continue as executive chairman. He will be succeeded as managing director by Mr. Stuart Errington, a joint deputy managing director. Mr. S. E. J. Kemp, also a joint deputy managing director, will become deputy managing director.

Mr. E. J. Goodall has ceased to be an executive director of Amalgamated Power Engineering and has rejoined the board as a non-executive director. Mr. W. J. Long joins the board.

Mr. Barry Norris has joined the board of Stock Conversion and Investment Trust.

Mr. Ray Underhill (left) who has been appointed financial director of T. I. Tubes; Mr. Stuart Errington, who is to be managing director of Mercantile Credit.

Mr. Anthony Tennant has become managing director of International Distillers & Vintners in succession to Mr. Geoffrey Palau, who has been made deputy chairman. Mr. James Espey has been made group marketing director.

Mr. Geoffrey Normand is to succeed Mr. J. D. F. Tavendale as managing director of Manders (Holdings) when the latter retires at the end of March. Mr. Tavendale will continue as chairman of the company and as managing director of Manders Property (Wolverhampton).

Mr. Ray Underhill has been made financial director of T. I. Tubes. Mr. J. V. May has become EMT's director of commercial affairs, Europe.

Mr. D. C. Jones, formerly president, has been elected chairman of Hesketh Ray Oil and Gas, which continues as chief executive officer. Mr. S. G. Olson becomes president.

Mr. B. Le Mare has ceased to be chairman of Norwest Hotel but remains a director. Mr. S. E. Baucher, deputy chairman, will deputise until further notice.

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This company had another successful year and contracts progressed at a faster rate than anticipated owing to the exceptional summer weather. Work is progressing well, after a difficult start, on the Dinorwic pumped storage scheme and activity will increase in 1977. The cutback in public spending, and particularly the road construction sector, will inevitably affect the workload of this company. It is disappointing that the housing side recently set up to deal with public sector housing may have to be partially disbanded, but there is some sign of increasing activity on the industrial building front.

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Further Prospects

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	1976 £000's	1975 £000's
Turnover	136,963	131,438
United Kingdom	45,288	12,633
Overseas	162,251	144,521
Profit before tax	7,483	7,884
United Kingdom	3,278	(830)
Overseas	10,731	7,014
Taxation	4,343	3,687
Profit before extraordinary items	6,338	3,347
Extraordinary items	582	167
Minority interests	5	12
Profit attributable to shareholders	6,975	3,566
Dividends	528	482
Undistributed profit	6,447	3,074
Earnings per share	38.5p	20.3p
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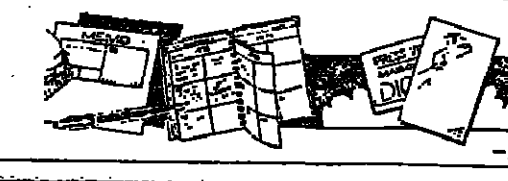
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